



Special Issue of *Educational Research*: 2013 *Value for Money in Education* Call for Papers

The special issue of *Educational Research* in 2013 will focus on **Value for Money in Education**. Resources are more constrained than ever in the wake of the recent worldwide economic downturn, and the need for effective and fit for purpose education systems is greater than ever.

As a result, the attention of educational practitioners, policy makers and funders has become more focussed not only on what works, but also on what provides the best value for money. This call for papers invites reports of original research, original critical reviews of recent research and leading-edge discussion articles from colleagues working in the area.

Articles must be accessible to the generalist reader and relevant to the journal's international readership. Contributions from outside the UK are especially welcome, from developed and developing countries.

We are particularly interested in articles from a range of contexts and perspectives – international, regional (Europe, Asia, Latin America, Africa), national, local, school, classroom, and community. Articles should address at least one of the following areas:

- Evaluation of the value for money offered by particular educational initiatives or policies. Examples might include the introduction of markets to secondary education or the expansion of school access in developing countries.
- Consideration of the economic value of educational or developmental outcomes, including returns to education. For example, how do these vary over time in response to particular policies or reforms, and how do they vary between settings such as developed versus developing countries?
- The role of economics and the notion of 'value' in education, and approaches to applying these in order to provide educational insights. What unique insights and methods does economics bring to educational research?

Articles must begin with a **structured abstract**, include up to **six keywords**, and should not normally exceed **6,000 words**. (For further guidance on submission, including instructions for structured abstracts, see the journal website at <http://www.tandf.co.uk/Journals/Authors/rereabstracts.asp>)

Articles must be submitted by email to the Guest Editors, Steve Bradley and Ben Durbin at b.durbin@nfer.ac.uk by **1st July 2012** at the latest. **Emails must be clearly labelled 'ER Value for Money in Education Special Issue 2013 submission'**.

Submissions will be subject to the Journal's rigorous peer review process. All articles published in *Educational Research* undergo rigorous peer review, based on initial editor screening and anonymized refereeing by at least two anonymous referees.