

The logo for 'zeal' consists of the word 'zeal' in a lowercase, black, sans-serif font, centered within a solid yellow square.

Call for submissions!

We are calling for submissions for our intellectual online magazine [zeally](#). You can submit proposals or completed manuscripts in English or Vietnamese. Please read the details below for information on our magazine and instructions for submission.

1. Who are we?

zeal is a non-profit team founded by people who wish to nurture and inspire curiosity for the Vietnamese people. We believe everyone has a natural curiosity deep within themselves which, if encouraged, would open many more doors and create new values.

zeally Magazine, launched on May 5th, 2016, seeks to instill in readers the fascination of learning about the world as well as our contribution toward a more proactive reading culture in Vietnam. Our two main activities include:

(1) Translate thought-provoking, scientifically based articles from high-quality and reliable sources to Vietnamese.

(2) Research and write analytic pieces on different topics.

Through the practice of translating and writing, we hope to provide Vietnamese audience knowledge and new outlook on familiar topics, on the foundation of scientific reasoning and evidence.

A year after launch, we have published 415,000 words in 105 articles (an average of 4,000 words per article). Our website had 135,000 page views (an average of more than 10,000 per month).

2. What we are looking for

- Original work, or ideas for one that is between 1,500 and 10,000 words in length (applies to works already in Vietnamese, English originals could be a little shorter).
- We are primarily looking for non-fiction pieces that is exploratory, analytical, and informative in nature. We are not looking for fiction or personal essays, although personal elements can be present in your piece (i.e. You can write about your story, but they should only serve as narration/illustration tools and not the main focus of your piece or the basis of your argument).
- Since we are a mostly apolitical site, we are not looking for commentary on domestic and/or international politics. We will consider discussions on political science and/or synthesis of how politics and political regimes work. Additionally, please understand if we decide to not accept work due to its political sensitivity. Take a look at [this article](#) to understand our policy.
- The primary subject matter could be drawn from the natural and social sciences, the humanities, the arts, or be interdisciplinary. You can also write about everyday experiences, however the arguments should be based on scientific reasoning and/or data.
- The piece should be or could be geared towards being appreciable by the general public, who might not be familiar with the subject matter. However, we are not looking for pieces that are purely introductory, Wikipedia-style.
- In addition, we are also running a series named "[What is...?](#)" which is a collection of articles introducing topics or fields that are commonly thought of as abstract and complicated via simple, easy-to-understand approaches. These articles, instead of being purely introductory like those on Wikipedia, will offer interesting examples and analysis so that readers can gain a background knowledge of the topic or field being discussed. If you find yourself interested in this series and want to contribute your own writing, do not hesitate to contact us!

3. What makes a great piece in your opinion?

We would like to see pieces that pose a new question (that is not necessarily answered) or a new perspective on a familiar topic. We would also welcome pieces that pull many arguments from different lines of evidence to construct a compelling narrative. You should consult the original pieces already published on our magazine and/or the pieces selected under "Editors' choice."

4. Why you should submit to us

We will be upfront: we do not have the funds to pay you, although we dearly wish to. We are a small independent team and all of our costs are self-funded from our savings and [donations from our patrons](#). However, we still hope you will work with us, here is why:

- Simply to discover new ideas and inspire curiosity. If you, too, are a knowledge-hungry person and want to share what you know and ideas that you have others in the community, hop on board with zeal as we spread that spirit to other Vietnamese people.
- Although not experts by any means, we have accumulated experience in editorial practices and how to present quality content to the general public. Therefore, we are confident that we can convey your writings on a high-quality and meticulously designed web platform, create a worthwhile reading experience, and expand your ideas' reach and impact.

5. Guidelines for submissions

- Please read some of our translations and original pieces to get a better idea of what we are looking for before submitting.
- Please send your work and/or proposals to zealvn.contact@gmail.com under this subject format: [Submission] Your name_Title/Proposed title of your piece.
- Please include the information below in your email:
 - a. For completed work:*
 - Complete manuscript of the work.
 - Links to samples of your writing (if applicable), also in the style we are looking for (i.e not fiction or disconnected thoughts).
 - b. For proposals:*
 - A short, 1-2 paragraph summary of what your piece will be about and what is the overall trajectory of the piece.
 - Relevant sources (such as research papers, articles about your proposed topic) to show that you have done research and there is evidence for your argument.
 - Links to samples of your writing (if applicable), also in the style we are looking for (i.e not fiction or disconnected thoughts).
 - A proposed timeline for execution.

6. FAQ

What if I have an idea for a piece but do not have it written down yet?

We encourage you to submit your ideas, per the guidelines outlined above. We will read and evaluate your proposal and work with you to best develop it.

What if I only have work in English?

Submit it! In fact we encourage you to submit your writing from school or work, insofar that it is not overwhelmingly technical in nature, and is readable, or could be made so, by a general public.

If we accept a piece and both sides agree on necessary edits, you can translate your work into Vietnamese and edit as you go. For this reason we do not encourage you to translate your work into Vietnamese first in order to submit.

What if my piece has already been published elsewhere?

If you have already published the piece on your personal blog or website, and would like to publish it on zeal for more impact, we don't see any problems. We do not generally re-publish pieces that have already appeared on another publication, but if you would like to work something out, we are willing to work with you and the previous publisher(s).

What will happen after I submit?

We will read and evaluate your proposals and/or pieces. Please allow us some time (about 1-2 weeks) to get back to you, as we are yet a small independent team working in our spare time.

What about copyright? Do I retain the rights to my piece?

Yes. Our statement on copyright states that anyone who desires to re-publish the piece has to consult the author via zeal. As the author, you are welcome to post your piece on personal venues of your own. Please credit us as editors if applicable.

Can I remain anonymous?

Yes, you can. We can publish your piece under a pseudonym and direct communication to you as needed. However, we expect you to take responsibility for your work and not use anonymity as a way to voice ideas you are not prepared to stand behind.

Thank you so much for your interest. Should you have any questions or feedback, do not hesitate to contact us via zealvn.contact@gmail.com or our [Facebook page](#). We are looking forward to your submission!