

# Editorial

Curiosity is one of nature's greatest gifts. We strive towards the accumulation of knowledge and data not for reward, or for incentive, rather, for the raw, universal motivator that is curiosity. The ability to learn more about the things that interest you is not only a gratifying experience but is also the essence of what we know today as research. Research not only benefits you, but it also helps countless others who want to enrich their learning and perhaps make their discoveries.

In the age of information, ironically scholarly research falls under threat. In a time with boundless access to accurate information, popular media and communication channels are flooded with misinformation, unsubstantiated claims, and eye-catching headlines that polarize opinions and affirm their readers' existing biases. Now more than ever, it is incumbent upon those who value an informed and intelligent society to monitor the quality of the information one consumes and familiarize oneself with a multitude of perspectives.

*The Young Researcher* seeks to help you in your quest for truth. The journal features original, peer-reviewed, scholarly research conducted by ambitious secondary-school students from around the globe. We hope to provide a reputable platform for these accomplished students to present their work while also inspiring the scholars of tomorrow to share what they are passionate about.

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