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### Abstract

With the sixth volume, *Spora* is entering its next phase. The Editorial Board is happy to expand the journal's role in disseminating work conducted by research groups with at least one student author. With the new emphasis on student-driven research, *Spora* welcomes submissions related to Ph.D. dissertations, master's theses, and undergraduate research projects.

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## A New Era for Spora

When *Spora* was launched in 2015 with a mission of disseminating undergraduate research in biomathematics, it was the only journal in the world to do so. No other journal was dedicated to publishing fully refereed biomathematics research exclusively conducted by undergraduate students under the direction of faculty mentors. In four short years, the scope of the journal was expanded to accept research conducted by graduate students. Starting with this volume, *Spora* will accept manuscripts from student-driven research projects with no restrictions on the number of student or faculty authors.

Sponsored by the Intercollegiate Biomathematics Alliance, *Spora's* commitment to publishing the Proceedings of the Symposium on Biomathematics and Ecology Education and Research remains unchanged. Moreover, *Spora* continues to be a welcoming platform for the participants of the annual Cross-Disciplinary Undergraduate Research Experience (CURE) workshop to disseminate their work.

## Journal Sections

Manuscripts may be submitted to one of the three sections of *Spora*.

The Biomathematics section publishes high-quality research articles of novel, as well as established, mathematical and statistical approaches to biological hypotheses. Manuscripts should employ an interdisciplinary approach and should be of interest to a wide spectrum of scientists from related fields. Interdisciplinary research from any sub-discipline within the life sciences in conjunction with any sub-discipline within the mathematical and statisti-

cal sciences are also considered for this section.

Similarly, the Biology Research section publishes high-quality articles communicating student-driven research in experimental biology. Research from any sub-discipline of biology are considered, and manuscripts should be of general interest to the biological research community.

Finally, the Exposition section publishes high-quality expository articles that describe particular areas of mathematical biology research. Manuscripts in this section may consist of critical and constructive analyses of the literature in a specific field that are part of undergraduate capstone projects, graduate projects, or reviews. For reviews, it is also appropriate to mention any relevant software or instrumentation.

As always *Spora* owes a part of its success to dedicated faculty reviewers, its editorial board, and the editorial support team members.

Here's to a bright future with many more issues and volumes. Welcome to Volume 6.