JRCD is an open-access, peer-reviewed publication, for rural and community development studies. The journal provides a venue for academics and graduate students to publish findings in the field of development studies in rural and/or community contexts. JRCD has published annually since 2005, including both general and special issues.

World-Wide Coverage

In 2017 the Journal had 11,679 users with over 6,400 downloads with visitors from over 100 countries. From 2005 to 2018, JRCD has published 33 issues, including 2 double issues and 10 special issues on a specific topic. These included a total of 249 articles, 52 case-studies, 16 editorials, and 9 policy evaluations or reviews. Several articles have over 1000 views.
The Content

All published articles can be viewed at http://journals.brandonu.ca/jrcd/issue/archive

Recent issues include the latest general issue: (http://journals.brandonu.ca/jrcd/issue/view/39) and a special issue “Communities and New Development Paths in the Sparsely Populated North.” This double issue was organized by guest editors Doris Carson, Patrick Brouder, and Suzanne la Barre. (http://journals.brandonu.ca/jrcd/issue/view/38)

Multi-Disciplinary

The JRCD serves multiple disciplines including Geography, Sociology, Political Science, Economics, Rural Development, Health Studies, Environmental Studies; covering diverse research areas and perspectives, such as resource analysis, political economy, community action theory, community development.

Subject Areas can include:
• Economic restructuring and diversification
• Social capital, capacity and cohesion
• Resource development and environmental condition
• Community and regional development
• Social issues and community development
• Political economy of rural development
• Experiences with development activities/interventions
• Program and policy evaluation
• Local economic development
• Condition (health, well-being, quality of life, sustainability)
• Gender issues in development
• Land-use, environmental and community planning
• Rural governance, service provision and innovation

Three Options for Publication

Regular Refereed Articles: 5,000-8,000 words, inclusive of references and graphics

Case Studies: (Community/Regional/Rural region) 3,000-5,000 words inclusive of references and graphics

Policy Section: Shorter papers summarizing/evaluating policies and programs: 3,000-5,000 words, inclusive of references and graphics

Open Access Policy

JRCD is an open access publication with content available to all; readership includes both academics and practitioners. Publication in the JRCD is without financial cost to authors.

Editorial Board

The JRCD editorial board has 31 members, from Canada, USA, Germany, Spain, Italy, Norway and the Philippines. Their expertise includes rural development, rural planning, geography, environmental design, economics, statistics, anthropology and sociology.

The JRCD is published by the Rural Development Institute (RDI) at Brandon University. RDI was established in 1989 as an academic research centre and a leading source of information on issues affecting rural communities in western Canada and elsewhere.

The JRCD has been funded annually since 2011 by a SSHRC Publication Grant.

For more information, please visit:
https://www.brandonu.ca/rdi.
http://www.jrcd.ca

The Journal of Rural and Community Development is supported by SSHRC and Brandon University