

# *MISQ* Workshops for Author and Reviewer Development

*MISQ* regularly offers author and reviewer development workshops. The objectives and design of these workshops are discussed below (excerpted from the editorial, [The \*MIS Quarterly\* as a Platform for Engagement](#)):

## Author Development Workshops

The *MISQ* Author Development Workshops are designed to provide authors with (1) feedback from *MISQ* senior editors and associate editors on potential submissions to *MISQ* and (2) the opportunity to discuss with editors and other authors how to develop papers for submission and resubmission to *MISQ*.

The workshops include

- Roundtable discussion led by editors on authors' submissions to the workshop
- Editors' panel discussion on developing papers for initial submission to *MISQ*
- Editors' panel discussion on revising papers for *MISQ*

We have offered *MISQ* Author Development Workshops in all AIS regions. These workshops have proven to be a great avenue for authors, particularly junior colleagues, to learn about effectively formulating and developing their work for *MISQ*.

Receiving feedback from editors and other authors on an initial draft of their paper provides authors with a perspective on how their work can be improved and a forum to discuss issues related to the development of their research. Authors learn about risks in formulating research problems and about effective approaches to safeguard against them. They also learn how to refine their work prior to submission and revise their work based on feedback that they receive on their submissions from editors and reviewers.

Feedback on these workshops indicate that authors derive significant value from the workshop for their papers and more broadly for their research goals and approaches to achieve them. The participating editors have also found these workshops to be very rewarding.

The workshops have been offered in face-to-face format alongside major conferences. In 2020, with the disruption to face-to-face conferences from the pandemic, the workshops were offered in a virtual format for all AIS regions.

## Reviewer Development Workshops

To promote the development of reviewers for *MISQ* and more broadly for the IS community, *MISQ* launched Reviewer Development Workshops in 2016. These workshops are offered every year alongside the ICIS conference.

The objective of these workshops is to coach individuals who have reviewed, or are interested in reviewing, for *MISQ* on how to develop a virtuous review (see the editorial on [Writing a Virtuous Review](#)). The workshop is designed to provide participants in the workshop with (1) feedback from *MISQ* senior editors and associate editors on a review that the participants develop for the workshop and (2) the opportunity to discuss with editors and other participants how to develop a virtuous review.

The workshops use a combination of experiential, vicarious, and discursive approaches for participants to learn about virtuous reviewing. Individuals selected for these workshops are assigned a paper to review based on their research expertise and interests and are expected to submit their review prior to the workshop. The assigned paper is an initial submission to *MISQ* for which the review process has concluded and for which the authors of the paper have provided their consent for use of the paper in the workshop.

In addition, the workshops include (1) roundtable discussions among reviewers and *MISQ* editors to provide feedback on submitted reviews and to discuss the “actual” review packet for the initial submission; (2) roundtable discussions of subsequent rounds of revisions and reviews for papers that progressed beyond the first round; and (3) editors’ panel discussion on characteristics of virtuous reviewing, structuring reviews, and reviewing revisions.

For additional information on the design of the workshop and the learning activities, see the editorial on [Developing Virtuous Reviewers](#).

The author and reviewer workshops are announced on AISWorld and *MISQ*’s social media channels including Facebook, Twitter, and WeChat.