

Submission Guidelines for TalkDeath Guest Writers

We are excited to collaborate with you and look forward to sharing your work with our growing audience of death positive nerds.

SUBMITTING YOUR PITCH

Submit a pitch in the body of an email. Write a paragraph or two describing a) the topic you'd like to write about and the basic points you want to make; b) any personal or professional experience you have that qualifies you to write about this topic.

SUBMITTING YOUR DRAFT

The easiest way to submit your draft for the editorial process is through Google Docs (Word doc is ok too). Upload your draft to your Google Drive account and share the link with us, or email us a Word document. Google Docs allows us to edit and comment in real-time, which will expedite the process.

FORMAT GUIDELINES

Our articles generally follow an essay style format, although we are open to pieces with creative formatting. An ideal submission is between 800-1500 words. Please ensure your submission includes the following:

1. An introduction with a clear, concise thesis statement;
2. A body with short paragraphs;
3. A conclusion that sums up your argument, and restates your thesis

CITATIONS

If you are writing an evidence-based article, or are including statements of fact, or quoting an individual, we ask that you cite your source material. You can include footnotes/endnotes in your draft, and/or link to the appropriate sources directly.

Examples:

The social psychologist [Sheldon Solomon](#) argues that we use terror management to mitigate the fear of death.

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¹ "Terror Management Theory" <https://ernestbecker.org/resources/terror-management-theory/>

BIOGRAPHY

Please include a short biography with your submission, including a headshot. You are welcome to link to a personal website and social media accounts in your biography.

IMAGES

If you have access to copyright-free or royalty-free images, please include them with your submission. You can either include links to images in your draft, or email them to us.

Featured images should be 2000 x 1333 px.

In-article images should be larger than 800 px wide.

SOCIAL MEDIA

We share our guest submissions with our tens of thousands of followers on a regular basis. We ask that our writers share their article with their networks using their personal/professional social media accounts as well.