The Journal of Extension is Now a Web of Science Indexed Publication

*Journal of Extension (JOE)* Editor Debbie Allen and the Extension Journal Inc. Board of Directors announce that *JOE* is now indexed in the Web of Science Core Collection’s Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI).

Coverage in ESCI is the result of continual efforts to improve the quality and value of *JOE* and signifies that *JOE* meets various criteria applicable only to journals demonstrating a certain level of importance. This distinction increases discoverability of *JOE*’s content and, thereby, the visibility of Extension overall. Recognition of *JOE*’s value through indexation in ESCI can elevate awareness of and appreciation for Extension among members of the academic community involved in the behavioral sciences, public policy fields, interdisciplinary studies, and other relevant fields. In short, advancement of *JOE* equals advancement of Extension.

Indexation in ESCI also increases the visibility of *JOE* authors and can assist them in meeting requirements of their institutions and funders. Additionally, due to *JOE*’s inclusion in ESCI, *JOE* authors with access to the Web of Science Core Collection database can track citation activity associated with their articles.

With indexation in ESCI, *JOE* has reached an important stage in the lengthy evaluation process required for attaining a journal impact factor. Journal impact factors are determined by Clarivate Analytics, which maintains the Web of Science citation indexing service and publishes journal impact factors annually in *Journal Citation Reports*. Journal impact factors are reported only for journals indexed in three Web of Science Core Collection indexes: Science Citation Index Expanded, Social Sciences Citation Index, and Arts and Humanities Citation Index. For many journals, a precursor to coverage in one of these flagship indexes, and accompanying receipt of a journal impact factor, is indexation in ESCI. Clarivate Analytics will continue to monitor citation activity for *JOE* as well as *JOE*’s adherence to other requirements, and *JOE* will be eligible for evaluation for coverage in a flagship index in August 2020.

For more information about ESCI, see “*Journal Selection Process*,” an essay by James Testa, vice president of editorial development and publisher relations at Clarivate Analytics.