***Call for papers* – JCPP Advances Special Issue (2022)**

***Sex and Gender Differences in Neurodevelopmental and Psychiatric Phenotypes: Understanding the role of sex and gender in the development, diagnosis, comorbidities and outcomes of mental health difficulties in children and young people***

[*JCPP Advances*](https://acamh.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/26929384)invites manuscripts for a special issue entitled “***Sex and Gender Differences in Neurodevelopmental and Psychiatric Phenotypes”*** to be edited by Dr Joanna Martin, Dr Julie Hadwin and Dr Stephane De Brito, and due for publication in **April 2022**.

This special issue will focus on research studies aimed at explicitly considering the influence of biological sex and gender on the aetiology, age of onset, developmental course, clinical presentation, comorbid problems, and treatment outcomes of neurodevelopmental and psychiatric difficulties in children and young people.

There are vast sex and gender differences in the prevalence and clinical profiles of mental health difficulties in young people, which are an important source of heterogeneity. This special issue aims to showcase the very best recent research using a wide variety of cutting-edge methodologies, ranging from epidemiological, longitudinal, genomic, and cognitive studies to behavioural approaches.

We encourage submissions from different nations/regions of high-quality papers which include (but

are not limited to) research on sex and gender differences focusing on:

* Epidemiological studies of incidence, age at onset, clinical features, comorbidity
* Clinical studies examining treatment outcomes
* Longitudinal analyses of developmental trajectories and course of illness
* Studies examining the interaction between sex/gender and other demographic characteristics (e.g. socioeconomic factors, ethnicity, physical disabilities) in relation to mental health
* Studies examining the relationship between gender identity and mental health prevalence, clinical features and outcomes
* Influences of maternal and paternal parenting, environmental risks as well as protective and resilience factors
* Behavioural genetic analyses using twin, adoption and family-based approaches
* Polygenic risk score analyses and other molecular genomic approaches
* The influence of biological and hormonal biomarkers
* Systematic reviews/meta-analyses

Interested authors should submit a letter of intent as a Microsoft Word document to the JCPP Advances editorial office (louie.sandys@acamh.org) with ‘Sex and Gender Differences Special Issue’ in the subject line by **30th April 2021**.

The letter should include the following: a tentative title; a brief description of the proposed submission (up to 500 words) including a clear statement of the methods and findings; a brief explanation of the unique contribution made by the proposed manuscript (under 100 words); names of envisaged co-authors; and contact information for the corresponding author.

The editors will review all letters and invite shortlisted authors to submit full manuscripts. The editors will contact all authors by no later than **5th May 2021** to inform them on whether or not they have been invited to submit a full manuscript. If you do not hear back by this date, please do notify the editorial office (louie.sandys@acamh.org). The submission of full manuscripts will be due by no later than **16th July 2021**.

Please note that following the letters of intent, all submitted full manuscripts will be subject to the standard robust peer review process and final acceptance is not guaranteed. In some instances, some manuscripts may be accepted for publication in normal JCPP Advances issues outside of the special issue.

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