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APPLIED RESEARCH & INNOVATION CENTRE

# CALL FOR ARTICLES

**Edited Book: From Vision to Practice:  
Driving the Evolution of Vocational  
Further & Higher Education**



# BACKGROUND

As the Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology (MCAST) marks its 25th anniversary, the Applied Research and Innovation Centre is preparing a commemorative edited research-based book entitled ***From Vision to Practice: Driving the Evolution of Vocational Further & Higher Education.***

Basic research provides the foundation for intellectual and scientific development. This volume demonstrates how applied research complements that foundation by bringing knowledge into practical and societal contexts, breaking notions of research being accessible only to intellectuals and academics. Therefore, this volume will capture scholarly, evidence-based contributions that demonstrate the translation of knowledge into practice within an applied higher education context.

# THEMATIC SECTIONS OF THE VOLUME

We welcome applied research submissions that address the shift from traditional teaching practices to transformative educational approaches within higher education institutions. Contributions should extend beyond descriptive accounts and instead provide robust, evidence-informed insights into how new pedagogical practices, institutional strategies, learning environments and other researched aspects foster meaningful and sustainable transformation, especially at the individual, curricular, and institutional levels.

We welcome submissions that explore one or more of the following areas:

## ***Section 1 – Collaborative Ecosystems in Vocational Education: Interdisciplinarity and Community Engagement***

Explores how interdisciplinary collaboration and meaningful community and industry partnerships create dynamic vocational education ecosystems that drive innovation, relevance, and transformative learning.

## ***Section II – From Applied Research to Impact: Innovation and Knowledge Valorisation***

Explores how applied research drives innovation and translates knowledge into tangible social, economic, and industry impact through effective valorisation and partnership.

## ***Section III – Leadership, Governance, and Institutional Culture for Vocational Education Transformation***

Examines how strategic leadership, effective governance, and a supportive institutional culture enable, shape, and sustain meaningful educational transformation.

## ***Section IV – Sustaining Transformation: Adaptation and Future-Ready Education***

Explores how institutions evolve teaching, curricula, and learning environments to remain relevant in a rapidly changing social, technological, and economic landscape. Looks ahead to strategic foresight and the long-term sustainability of transformation in vocational further and higher education.

## We particularly value research-based submissions that:

- ▶ Demonstrate clear and measurable impact on student learning, engagement, professional development, or institutional practice
- ▶ Move beyond incremental enhancements toward systemic, structural, or cultural transformation
- ▶ Integrate relevant theoretical frameworks with practical implementation and evaluation



Submissions should, therefore, aim to contribute not only to improved teaching practice but to the broader transformation of higher education as a dynamic, responsive, and future-oriented ecosystem.

# SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

## *Preliminary submission*

Contributions may be single-authored or co-authored.

If you are interested, please submit a short expression of interest including:

- Authors
- Chapter title
- 200 words abstract about the chapter.

Please indicate the section under which your paper most closely aligns within the above thematic areas.

## *Full Paper submission*

“If your submitted abstract is accepted, the full chapter must be provided as a **Word document (.docx)** in accordance with the volume’s Submission Guidelines using the template that will be provided by the editorial team.

- Length: **3,000–5,000 words**



***Submission  
Contact  
Details***

Proposals are to be submitted by email at:  
**[mcast.journal.arp@mcast.edu.mt](mailto:mcast.journal.arp@mcast.edu.mt)**

Subject line: **Call for Articles – From Vision to Practice**

# TIMEFRAMES



Deadline for Abstract Submission	31st March 2026
Date of Notification	21st April 2026
Full article submission	12th June 2026