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## Aims and scope

*English Language Research* is a double-blind peer reviewed open access journal with an emphasis on original research into both theoretical and applied linguistic issues in context. The journal is based in the Department of English at the University of Birmingham, and has been the forum for many seminal works. It has been relaunched and expanded in 2013 as a journal committed to free online access, whilst maintaining the benchmarks of academic rigour and originality. The journal also actively welcomes submissions from postgraduate researchers and early career academics.

The next issue of the journal will be on a specific theme and a call for papers will be issued soon.

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The editorial team is pleased to invite papers focusing on **metaphor research** to be included in the forthcoming special issue of the ELR Journal.

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