

Call for Papers

Special issue on “Efficiency in Education, Health and other Public Services”

Guest Editors

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Improving the efficiency of public sector organizations is a major challenge in the context of public finance and economic development, where fiscal consolidation has become an essential characteristic of any reform. Recent reforms have started to address these issues with the introduction of performance-based funding. But this requires an accurate measurement of performance or efficiency by assessing the way in which inputs (human and financial resources) are transformed into outputs (public services of a given quality).

The objective of this special issue of the *International Transactions in Operational Research (ITOR)* is to focus on specific challenges around measuring performance in the education, health and other public services sectors. It will gather together papers on new methods, applications of existing techniques, and advances in theoretical and empirical research in the area of public sector efficiency, performance measurement, and policy.

The deadline for submission is January 31, 2019. Although we strongly encourage authors who presented work in these areas at the 6th International Workshop on “Efficiency in Education, Health and other Public Services” (held in Huddersfield Business School, Huddersfield, UK, September 6–7, 2018) to submit their manuscripts, this Call for Papers is also open to the entire community of academics and practitioners. Topics for this special issue include (but are not limited to):

- Theoretical developments in frontier estimation methods;
- Applications of frontier estimation methods in the context of efficiency in education, health or other public services;
- Other empirical applications in the context of efficiency in education, health or other public services;
- Papers addressing policy in the context of efficiency in education, health or other public services.

Each paper will be peer-reviewed according to the editorial policy of *ITOR* published by the International Federation of

Operational Research Societies – IFORS. Papers should be original, unpublished, and not currently under consideration for publication elsewhere. They should be prepared according to the instructions to authors that can be found at the journal homepage.

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