Call for Papers:  
*Current Perspectives on Cannabis in Mental Health*

*The Canadian Journal of Addiction* is excited to announce a Call for Papers for a Special Issue: "*Current Perspectives on Cannabis in Mental Health*" for publication in Fall/Winter 2019.

The landscape of cannabis in Canada has evolved dramatically in recent years, culminating with federal legalization of recreational cannabis in October 2018. With changes in the legal status of cannabis, there is an increased need for empirical research. There is currently a research dearth in understanding cannabis impacts on mental health, the potential medicinal benefits, and the possible acute and long-term harms of cannabis. Broad dissemination of current research and clinical perspectives in these areas is critically important to inform clinicians, researchers, policy makers, community members, and other stakeholders.

This Special Issue will focus on current research and clinical implications of cannabis in the context of mental health, public safety, and related fields. Our aim is to provide balanced coverage of empirical evidence on benefits and harms related to cannabis.

Specific topics of interest include:

- Prevalence of cannabis use in general population and special populations (e.g., youth, persons with mental health disorders, veterans, etc.)
- Cannabis use disorder and its treatment
- Cannabis use and psychiatric comorbidity
- Acute and long-term effects of cannabis use on mental health, brain structure and function, and other health factors
- Empirical evaluation of efficacy of medicinal cannabis for various disorders
- Cannabis impaired driving
- Impact of cannabis legalization
- Public perceptions and attitudes related to harms and benefits of cannabis use
- Other research on the intersection between cannabis and mental health

We encourage submission of original research reports, brief reports, systematic reviews, and narrative reviews in this area (see link to authors’ guidelines below). Short expert commentaries will also be considered with prior approval of the Special Issue Editor. Case reports will not be considered for this issue.

All submissions will undergo normal peer review. All manuscripts must be submitted at [www.editorialmanager.com/cja](http://www.editorialmanager.com/cja). Submission deadline for this special issue is March 31, 2019.

Questions or inquiries about the special issue can be directed to the Special Issue Editor, Michael Amlung, PhD (amlungm@mcmaster.ca) or *CJA* Editor-in-Chief, Nady el-Guebaly, CM, MD (Nady.El-guebaly@albertahealthservices.ca).

For authors’ guidelines, information on the peer review process, and manuscript submissions, please visit [www.editorialmanager.com/cja](http://www.editorialmanager.com/cja).