**FORM A: ABDC 2013 JOURNALS LIST REVIEW**  
**NEW ACADEMIC JOURNAL SUBMISSION**

*** PLEASE NOTE THAT:*** FORM A is designed to formalise requests to the ABDC Journals Review Panel 2013 seeking the inclusion of an academic journal which is currently omitted from the ABDC 2010 list. Previously unrated journals should only be nominated in this form where a clear case can be made for them (a) achieving a minimum “business element test” and (b) satisfying a minimum threshold of research quality. Please complete a separate form relating to each journal for which you wish to make a submission of this type.

**Journal Title:** AMERICAN ECONOMIC JOURNAL: MICROECONOMICS

**QA1. FIELD of RESEARCH (FoR) PANEL to which this request is directed (tick one box only):**

- [ ] 0806 Information Systems
- [ ] 1401-1499 Economics
- [ ] 1501 Accounting
- [ ] 1502 Finance
- [ ] 1503 Management
- [ ] 1504-07 Marketing/Tourism/Logistics
- [ ] 180105/1801025 Business and Taxation Law

**QA2. WHAT ABDC 2013 RATING DO YOU PROPOSE FOR THIS JOURNAL?**

- [X] A*
- [ ] A
- [ ] B
- [ ] C

**QA3. IN ERA 2010, WHICH FoR GROUP WAS THIS JOURNAL ASSIGNED?**

- [X] 0806 Information systems
- [ ] 1401-1499 Economics
- [ ] 1501 Accounting
- [ ] 1502 Finance
- [ ] 1503 Management
- [ ] 1504-07 Marketing/Tourism/Logistics
- [ ] 180105/1801025 Business and Taxation Law
- [ ] OTHER: please specify
- [ ] New journal not previously ranked

**QA4. WHAT ERA 2010 RATING WAS THIS JOURNAL ASSIGNED?**

- [ ] A*
- [ ] A
- [ ] B
- [ ] C
- [X] not applicable

**QA5. NOMINATE “THE BEST” COMPARATOR JOURNAL (journal from the ABDC 2010 list that is most similar in research quality):** RAND JOURNAL OF ECONOMICS

**QA6. JOURNAL INFORMATION**

- **Publisher:** American Economic Association
- **Frequency:** Quarterly
- **Current Volume:** 5  
  **Current Issue:** 2  
  **ISSN:** 1945-7669  
  **First Year Published:** 2009
- **Refereed (please tick one):** [X] yes  
  [ ] no
- **Editor’s Name:** Andrew Postlewaite  
  **Institution:** American Economic Ass
- **Web Address:** http://www.aeaweb.org/aej-micro/

**NATURE OF SUBMISSION**

**QA7. Primary submitter type (tick one box only):**

- [X] Higher Education Institutional Submission (e.g. formal submission from Business Faculty/School)
- [ ] Peak Body Submission (e.g. AFAANZ, ANZAM)
- [ ] Individual Submission

**QA8. Primary submitter:** KIERON MEAGHER, DIRECTOR RSE

**Institutional Affiliation:** RESEARCH SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS, CBE, ANU

**QA9. Are there other signatories to this submission?**

- [ ] Yes  
  [X] No

If yes, how many signatories are there (including the primary submitter)?
There are approximately 585 journals in the current ABDC list for 1402, which reflects the fact that economics is a long-standing and very large field internationally. There is a lot of depth of quality in these journals.

This supports the argument that there should be approximately 40 A* journals in total (up from the current 21), and The American Economic Journal: Microeconomics (AEJ: Micro) is one of the strongest candidates for inclusion: AEJ Micro is published by the American Economics Association, which also publishes the world’s leading general journal, the American Economic Review. It was established to provide a further outlet to the existing set of field journals, and has rapidly caught up in terms of prestige to the leading journals such as the Rand Journal of Economics, currently A* in the ABDC list.

AEJ: Micro is a very new journal (since 2009). This means that the journal is not included in popular journal ranking studies in the past such as the ranking in the Journal of the European Economic Association article by Kalaitzidakis et al. (2003) and its update in the Canadian Journal of Economics (2011).
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: APPENDIX CHECKLIST

The ABDC invites further supplementary and supporting information to be submitted by way of appendices.

QA11. Mandatory “substantive business element test” (please tick one box only):

- Appendix A1: Substantive business element test
  You should provide:
  - Simple metrics that demonstrate a substantive “business” element relating to the relevant FoR Panel e.g. > 50% of articles over 3 years written by business faculty or > 50% of articles over a recent 3-year period are of a business nature. For the purposes of this test, a research area is deemed to be “business” related provided that it meaningfully relates to (at least) one of the FoR Panels established for the ABDC journal list review.
  - The Editorial Board list and clearly establish that many academics on the board have meaningful links to the relevant area of business-related research.

- ERA 2013 FoR code is the same as the requested FoR designation (i.e. answer for QA1 = QA3) – Appendix A1 is NOT required.

QA12. What supplementary information are you supplying (by way of appendices) to support your submission? (these appendices should be seen to be optional – you have discretion over those that you choose to supply and those that you choose to ignore).

The following documents are attached in support of this application (please tick boxes as relevant):

- Appendix A2: List of Editorial Board Members
- Appendix A3: Description and Scope of Journal
- Appendix A4: Recommendations from eminent scholars in the relevant field
- Appendix A5: Comparisons with existing rated journals
- Appendix A6: Coverage in review articles
- Appendix A7: Impact Factors: SSCI or others
- Appendix A8: Other supporting documentation
- Appendix A9: Signatory Details – in cases where there are more than one signatory to the submission, list all signatory names and their university or relevant affiliations (this appendix should articulate with the answer given to QA8 above).
QA11: Appendix A1: AEJ Micro

1. Economics, at its core, is the study of the allocation of scarce resources with a deep focus on how individuals make decisions, how they interact, how firms and markets operate, and how firms, markets and government interact on an economy-wide basis. The fields of economics covered in this journal is an essential component of a business education.

2. This journal is a major outlet for publication by economists who reside in business schools world-wide, as well as those who reside in economics departments. A majority of economists in economics departments have an association/coauthorship or other form of collaboration with business school academics.

3. Economists who reside in and interact with business schools and business school academics have a substantive presence on the editorial board of this journal. For example, Editor Andrew Postlewaite is a Professor of Economics and a Professor of Finance at the University of Pennsylvania; Co-editor Robert Porter is a director of the Centre for the Study of Industrial Organization in which almost all affiliates are economists in business schools; Board member Darell Duffie is a Professor at Stanford Graduate School of Business, Board member Leslie Marx is a Professor of Economics in the Fuqua School of Business at Duke University, Board Member and Nobel Laureate Paul Milgrom holds a PhD in Business from Stanford, and is an honorary Professor in the Stanford Graduate School of business.
American Economic Journal: Microeconomics

American Economic Journal: Microeconomics publishes papers focusing on microeconomic theory, industrial organization and the microeconomic aspects of international trade, political economy, and finance. The journal publishes theoretical work as well as both empirical and experimental work with a theoretical framework. Submit now.

New! AEJ: Microeconomics, Vol. 5, Iss. 2 -- May 2013

AEJ: Microeconomics Best Paper Prize, 2013:

AEJ: Micro, 2 (2), "Information Disclosure and Unraveling in Matching Markets" Michael Ostrovsky and Michael Schwarz

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Appendix A8

The first paper below, published in 2003, is considered a definitive study ranking of journals in economics. It is compelling because it was commissioned by the European Economics Association to provide an objective means of ranking journals, and it used an impact adjusted citations methodology which was the culmination of two decades of research on journal ranking. To the best of our knowledge, the ranking itself does not include the Journal of the European Association, and so avoids this potential source of appearance of bias.


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