

Special Issue

Unlocking Potential with Inquiry-Based Science Education

Message from the Guest Editor

We welcome submissions that examine approaches to and contexts of IBSE that showcase its benefits as well as limitations in terms of advancing scientific identity and literacy. Papers may be empirical or theoretical, representing various scientific disciplines and content relevant from primary to post-secondary education. Also welcome are papers focused on teacher preparation as well as student learning in formal or informal contexts that demonstrate how IBSE can unlock potential within teachers and learners. Topics include, but are not limited to:

- Inquiry in teacher preparation: models, challenges, facilitators, impacts;
- Inquiry as pedagogy for developing critical thinking/scientific reasoning;
- Inquiry in authentic contexts;
- Inquiry for developing science identity;
- Epistemic knowledge development through inquiry;
- Assessment of inquiry pedagogy;
- Assessment of learning through inquiry;
- Impact of inquiry for scientific literacy;
- Models of IBSE;
- Inquiry for equity and social justice;
- Knowledge about inquiry and/or the nature of scientific inquiry;
- Literature reviews or meta-analyses of research on IBSE for scientific identity or literacy development.

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