The NYU More-Than-Human Life (MOTH) Program is an interdisciplinary initiative advancing rights and well-being for humans, nonhumans, and the web of life that sustains us all.

As part of that work, the MOTH Program produces and shares, for educational use, resources and materials which discuss the foundations of the More-Than-Human Life (MOTH) framework, explore its implications for thought and practice, and advance current understandings of the more-than-human in law, philosophy, governance, and culture. These resources include multimedia series and instructional videos exploring innovative ideas and key questions for the MOTH field.

The MOTH Idea Hub will serve as a space for the discussion and dissemination of promising and generative MOTH ideas within and across academic circles and disciplines and as a catalyst for action and source of inspiration. We collect and publish short-form, research-grounded, op-ed style articles featuring ideas that explore the legal, philosophical, scientific, and cultural paradigms reshaping how we think about nonhuman life and our interconnected world.

Please carefully review the *Process Guidelines*, *Editorial Guidelines*, and *Submission Template* below before submitting an article for consideration.

PROCESS GUIDELINES

1. Submit a Pitch

Use our online submission form to submit a short pitch. Please allow 2-3 weeks for a response from our editorial team.

Pitches should include:

(1) An intriguing title for your article. (Note, however, that we reserve the right to decide on titles to maximize appeal.)

(2) A short biography, in 2-3 sentences. Please include only your most important titles and affiliations and country of residence. Hyperlink to your organization, personal website, or recent published works.

(3) A brief outline of your main argument. (Explain which MOTH debate, issue, or experiment you are addressing; and describe the evidence for your argument [data, anecdotes, personal experience, etc.], if applicable.)

2. <u>The Editing Process</u>

Once you have submitted a pitch, our team will review your proposal. If your submission fits within our mandate, we will request a full draft and begin the editing process.

This process includes two rounds of edits prior to publication.

(1) *Developmental edits* – Authors work with a dedicated developmental editor to make structural changes to their drafts for the sake of argumentative cohesion, clarity, concision, and readability. The MOTH Idea Hub's developmental editor will reach out to authors directly to collaborate on revisions via Google Docs.

(2) *Copy edits* – Authors work with a copy editor, who makes edits to ensure that articles are free of errors (factual and grammatical) and readable. The Idea Hub's copy editor will also reach out to authors directly to collaborate on revisions.

Our goal is to make your piece as polished and compelling as possible. Please be patient. The more time we spend editing, the greater your article's impact will be.

Any questions can be directed to emma.crowe@nyu.edu and cbd311@nyu.edu.

3. <u>Article Dissemination</u>

When your piece is published, we will notify you and ask you to disseminate it through your own networks and social media. We will do the same through our social media channels and newsletter.

4. Cross Publishing

Once your piece appears on the MOTH Idea Hub, you are welcome to publish elsewhere, provided that the other venue provides a hyperlink back to the original publication and notes that "this piece was originally published on [date] on the NYU Law MOTH Program's More-than-Human Life Idea Hub." Please let us know about the cross publishing, so that we can help promote it through our networks and track for learning and reporting.

<div align="center">EDITORIAL GUIDELINES</div>

MOTH Idea Hub articles are aimed at a general and global audience. When drafting your article, please keep these guidelines in mind:

- Keep your submission short: 800-1000 words only.
- Present your research as evidence for your article. We encourage you to present your idea as an intervention within the field.
- Keep technical, academic, or legal jargon to a minimum. Write simply and directly, use short sentences, and consider readers and translators working in other languages.
- Place the most important points at the top.
- Use the active voice. See comparisons between active and passive voice here.
- Embed hyperlinks to open sources to support your arguments. We do not publish footnotes or endnotes.
- Whenever possible, link to sources in English.
- Provide background information; do not assume readers know about your country or topic.
- Hyperlink to previously published Idea Hub articles when appropriate.
- We encourage you to submit pieces in different formats — for example, pictures, videos, animations, etc. The MOTH editorial team will work with authors who decide to submit a piece using such materials.
- We encourage authors to publish interdisciplinary pieces.

• Articles are permitted to have more than one author to reflect collaborations among different researchers and activists.

Questions to consider when drafting your piece:

(1) What is the topic you are writing about? Are you responding to a particular article previously published on the MOTH Idea Hub? Are you presenting an idea that reflects an existing question of the MOTH field? If yes to either question, which one(s)?

(2) Why and how does your topic or issue connect with more-than-human rights or life? Why should general readers outside your region, or thematic area, care?

(3) What is the main idea or argument that you would like readers to consider, in one sentence?

(4) What are the three main points supporting your main idea?

Consult our general article drafting template (directly below) for further guidance on how you can structure your ideas and text.

DRAFTING TEMPLATE

Title and Teasers:

• Please suggest a title, maximum ten words. The final title will be decided by the MOTH Idea Hub editorial team.
• Teasers are decided by the Idea Hub editorial team to maximize SEO potential, but you are welcome to make suggestions.

Introduction:

• Try to construct a compelling opening sentence.
• State the problem, state your main argument, and make a case for why readers should care about this issue. Please ensure that the connection to more-than-human life will be clear to readers.
• Place the most important information at the top – remember this is a research-based piece intended to be read by a broader audience.

- Questions to consider: Why should readers care about this issue, and why now? What is the most important aspect of this problem or exploration that readers must understand?
- Avoid academic language or jargon. Explain all acronyms.

Article Body:

- Use a clear topic sentence for each paragraph. Keep paragraphs short
- Whenever possible, use examples to support your point. You must show evidence for your argument.
- Do not assume readers are familiar with your topic. Provide necessary background information.
- Please insert or provide hyperlinks to open sources whenever possible, but do not assume that readers will read the linked articles. We do not publish footnotes, endnotes, or in-text parentheticals.
- Avoid one-sentence paragraphs whenever possible.
- Employ headers and signposts to improve readability and structure.

Conclusion:

- Keep your conclusion to one short paragraph that sums up your main idea and argument. Do not introduce new information in the conclusion. Try to end with a clear, memorable sentence.