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## Foreword

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The eighth edition of *Fields* sees the journal and its fellows under the University of Huddersfield Press imprint demonstrating further successes. In particular, the continued growth of *Fields* demonstrates the vibrancy of undergraduate student research at Huddersfield, with, once again, a very extensive and wide-ranging set of articles.

This eighth edition offers undergraduate work ranging across topics as diverse as Sylvia Plath, regional wool production, and cancer therapies. It is notable that the currency of this work means we have several important papers responding to the Covid-19 pandemic, for example on testing or on home-working. Given this topicality, and the tragic events of the past few months, it is also worth recalling that *Fields'* seventh edition included a piece on twentieth-century Ukrainian history.

The success and impact of the journal are well represented by the access data for that seventh edition, which has now been accessed over 11,000 times (either views or downloads) across the whole journal. Individual articles within it have been widely engaged with: James Brown's piece on human rights perspectives on approaches to overpopulation has been accessed over 1,800 times.

There is no doubt that thanks to the effective guidance of the editors, Prof. Hazel Bryan and Dr Berenice Golding, and of the wider editorial team, *Fields* continues to set standards for the promotion of excellent undergraduate research.