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Abstract
A letter to the readers from the President of Claremont Graduate University, President Deborah Freund, welcoming the inaugural issue of 'The STEAM Journal'.

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Dear STEAM Journal readers,

In many ways Claremont Graduate University is the institutional embodiment of a single question: How do we best tackle the twenty-first century’s most complex and vexing challenges? It is with great enthusiasm that we welcome The STEAM Journal to participate in what I view as the great conversation of our time.

These twenty-first century challenges cut across all disciplines, so why shouldn’t our responses to them do the same? This is why we at CGU are dedicated to see how our research in the field, in the lab, and in libraries that might evolve into new solutions for the world. We are driven to better understand the nature of these great problems, the contexts that perpetuate them, and how to best address them, and we are energized to take them on with open minds and open hearts.

That’s why we care so much about collaborative research and teaching that transcends traditional disciplinary boundaries and I am so pleased to know that The STEAM Journal will comprise yet another vital space for this conversation to rage.

I am also pleased to note that “art” will be included in the conversations The STEAM Journal facilitates. Innovation in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics thrives on the very imaginative skills that are cultivated in the arts.

I wish The STEAM Journal well on this issue and many, many others to come.

Sincerely,

Deborah A. Freund
President