

The Transformative Potential of Applied Research

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As a member of the Journal of Innovation in Polytechnic Education (JIPE) editorial board, I am delighted to play a small part in bringing this edition into the world. I would like to recognize the invaluable work of the entire JIPE team, all the volunteer article reviewers, and my fellow editorial board members; together we aim to ensure the quality of the research shared in each edition of JIPE.

JIPE is dedicated to the essence of applied research within polytechnic institutions: sharing research that addresses real-world challenges with innovative insights and solutions. The heart of applied research lies in its transformative potential; it thrives on the premise that knowledge, when applied effectively, becomes a catalyst for progress. Individual lives and entire communities can be transformed as a result. I extend my heartfelt appreciation to the contributing researchers for their commitment and dedication to this endeavour.


Applied research within polytechnic institutions is a collaborative effort that bridges the gap between theory and practice. It is about turning ideas into action, making

meaningful changes that resonate beyond academic realms. I invite you to read the articles presented in this issue. Each study represents a step forward in our journey towards innovative and impactful research. It is my hope that the research insights spark conversations and inspire further explorations.

Thank you for joining me in celebrating research that aims to create a positive difference in our world.

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