

Inaugural Editorial

The Launch of the Journal of FinTech and Digital Assets (JFDA)

The launch of the Journal of FinTech and Digital Assets (JFDA) marks the establishment of a rigorous intellectual home for the architects of the new economy. Our mission is to serve as the primary confluence for three historically disparate worlds: decentralized technology, traditional financial regulation, and high-fidelity quantitative modelling.

JFDA is not merely a repository of observations; it is a laboratory for theory and a compass for practice. We are committed to publishing scholarship that transcends the "hype cycles" of the market to provide deep, enduring insights into the mechanisms of value, the architecture of trust, and the evolution of global monetary systems. By fostering a multidisciplinary dialogue, we aim to ensure that the digital assets of tomorrow are built upon the robust academic foundations of today.

A Foundation of Intellectual Stewardship

The birth of a new journal is a monumental undertaking that relies entirely on the collective "intellectual stewardship" of a dedicated community.

- To our Advisory and Editorial Boards: We owe a debt of gratitude to the distinguished scholars and practitioners who recognized the necessity of this platform. Your vision and willingness to lend your reputation to this inaugural issue have been our greatest assets.

- To our Peer Reviewers: You are the guardians of our integrity. Thank you for your "unseen labour"—the meticulous vetting and constructive critiques that have elevated these manuscripts from drafts to definitive works of scholarship.

- To our Founding Supporters: Your belief in the importance of independent research provided the momentum required to turn a concept into a publication. We extend our sincere gratitude to our colleagues at Lincoln University, particularly Yanan (Digital Services Analyst), for their unwavering support. We also recognize the vital contributions of our researchers and partners at Auckland University of Technology, Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca, Foreign Trade University (Dr. Manh Ha Nguyen and Associate Professor Van Ha Nguyen), and Kyoto University.

- To our Authors: Our deepest thanks go to the contributors of this inaugural issue. Submitting research to a new journal requires not only academic excellence but a shared sense of vision. By entrusting us with your intellectual labour, you have provided the energy that transforms our ambitions into reality. Your dedication to pushing the boundaries of FinTech theory forms the bedrock of this journal.

An Invitation

The scholarship presented in this first issue is not intended to be the final word on these subjects, but rather the opening notes of a global conversation. As we look toward future volumes, our doors are wide open to the next wave of researchers, innovators, and policy architects.

We invite you to submit your work to JFDA. We specifically seek contributions that challenge the status quo - papers that provide the "disciplined disruption" necessary to move the needle. Whether your expertise lies in the micro-level engineering of Decentralized Finance (DeFi) protocols, the macro-economic implications of Tokenized Real-World Assets (RWAs), or the ethical frameworks of Algorithmic Governance, there is a place for your voice here.

Our commitment to our contributors is simple: a rigorous yet agile peer-review process, global visibility, and a platform that values intellectual courage as much as technical precision.

The digital asset revolution is an unfolding story, and its most impactful chapters have yet to be written. We invite you to pick up the pen and join us in defining the future of finance.

Be part of shaping the future of FinTech and Digital Assets.

With warmest thanks,
Cuong Nguyen
On behalf of the JFDA Editorial Team