Brill's Editorial Manager (EM) Manual for Authors

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1. Introduction
This manual explains how to submit an article using Editorial Manager (EM), our online submission system. It provides step-by-step instructions on how to access the EM website for the journal of your choice and submit your article online. For quick reference, you can simply click on one of the entries in the Table of Contents at the beginning of this manual and this will lead you straight to that particular section. Cross-references to other relevant sections have been included in the text where appropriate (highlighted in yellow): click on the section number to go to the appropriate section. Should you run into any problems, please contact the editors, or the EM Support Team at Brill (EM@brill.com). You may also find our online support page useful: this contains tutorial videos, manuals and Frequently Asked Questions.

2. Getting Started: Creating an Account
In order to submit your article, you need to have an account in the system. If you have previously reviewed for the journal or submitted another article via this website, you already have an account and can log in as an Author using your existing access codes (see section 3 for further details on how to log in). Likewise, if the editor has sent you an email asking you to submit an article online and this email includes a username and password link, you can simply log in following the instructions provided in the editor’s email. Otherwise, you will first need to create an account by clicking on Register Now in the login box on the journal’s EM website:

If you do not have an ORCID account yet, we strongly recommend you to create one. Once created, you can authorize EM to pull in your contact information as described in section 2.1 below. In section 2.1 you can also find more information about ORCID and its benefits for researchers.

If you want to create a new account without using an ORCID profile, please fill in your first name, last name, email address and press ‘Continue’ on the Pre-registration Page.

On the next page, fill in the requested information. Fields that are displayed in red and marked with an asterisk (*) are compulsory. When ready, click on ‘Continue’. On the next page, check whether the information shown is correct and

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1 The link to this site can be found in the journal’s Instructions for Authors and on the inside cover of the print journal.
click on 'Continue' to confirm. You should then be able to log in using the username and password you entered during registration.

2.1 Creating an Account Using Your ORCID Record

ORCID provides a unique personal identifier that links your name unequivocally to your publications. More and more publishers are including these unique identifying codes in the eventual publications and thereby help you get credit for your work. You can for instance set your ORCID record to be updated automatically with all publications that contain your ORCID iD and share your publications list with your institute and/or funders. You can also use your ORCID access codes to log in to Editorial Manager websites and possibly other systems like publisher platforms. For more information about ORCID, see [https://orcid.org](https://orcid.org). Brill expects to be able to include ORCID iDs (in so far available) in online publications in the near future.

If you need help with getting your ORCID profile set up, please also check the [ORCID knowledgebase](https://orcid.org) or contact ORCID Support directly at support@orcid.org.

As explained above, in order to create an account, you will always need to click on Register Now in the login box first. If you have an ORCID account, click on the ‘Use My ORCID Record’ button on the pre-registration page. This will allow you to pull in any relevant data straight from your ORCID record into Editorial Manager.

Clicking the button will lead you to ORCID, where you can then sign in and authorize Editorial Manager to pull in your name, ORCID iD and contact information:

Once you have authorized Editorial Manager to pull in your information, you will go back to Editorial Manager and see that some fields have already been filled out automatically. Please supply any missing information (required fields are displayed in red and marked with an asterisk (*)). N.B.: The ‘Title’ field should contain a personal title, e.g., ‘Dr.’, ‘Prof.’, ‘Mrs’, ‘Mr.’, so please do not enter the title of your article here. When ready, click on 'Continue' at the very bottom of the

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* Note that in ORCID, you can choose 3 privacy levels for the various information associated with your record: ‘Everyone’ (Everyone) means that anyone looking at your ORCID profile can view that information; ‘Trusted Parties’ (Trusted) means that only parties that you have authorized (as described above for EM; you can for instance also choose to authorize your institution and funders) can view that part of the information; ‘Only Me’ (Only Me) means that no one other than yourself can view the associated information. If you were expecting for instance an email address to be pulled into EM after authorization in ORCID, and it does not show up, this may be due to your privacy settings in ORCID.
3. Logging into EM
Go to the Editorial Manager website, enter your username and password into the appropriate fields in the login box and click on ‘Author Login’.

Once logged in, you will see your author's main menu, where you will be able to submit a new manuscript, a revised manuscript, or check the status of an already submitted paper.

Should you have forgotten your username and/or password, click on Send Login Details in the login box. On the next page, enter your email address and click on ‘Send Login Details’. You will then receive an email with your username and a link through which you can create a new password. If you are unable to log in, please contact EM@brill.com.

3.1 Login via ORCID
For more information about ORCID and its benefits for researchers, please see section 2.1 above. If you wish, you can use your ORCID access codes to log into EM by clicking on the green ORCID ‘iD’ symbol in the login box.
If you do not have an ORCID iD yet, you can create an ORCID iD via the Register Now link on the ORCID page. On the next page, enter the requested information, confirm you are not a robot and click on ‘Register’. Then click on ‘Authorize’ on the following page.

If you already have an ORCID iD, simply sign into ORCID and authorize Editorial Manager. This will lead you back to Editorial Manager, where you should then log in with your Editorial Manager login codes (in order to connect your ORCID iD with your Editorial Manager account). This only needs to be set up once. Next time you log in, simply click on the ORCID iD symbol, fill out your ORCID access codes and sign into ORCID – this will automatically log you into your EM main menu.
4. Changing Your Access Codes and Contact Information

Once logged in, you can change your access codes as well as your contact information via Update My Information at the very top of the page (right underneath the journal title). Make sure to click on ‘Submit’ at the bottom of the page to save your changes. When changing your access codes, please do not use special characters (e.g., á, è, etc.) or spaces and make sure to choose a unique set of codes rather than reusing codes that you also use for other purposes.

4.1 Registration of ORCID iD (optional)

ORCID is an initiative that allows researchers to obtain a unique personal identifier code that can be used to link their publications unequivocally to their person. For more information on ORCID and its benefits for researchers, see section 2.1 above. If you already have an ORCID ID, you can link this to your Editorial Manager account via the Update My Information link in Editor Manager (see also above): click on the Fetch/Register link next to the ORCID field. This will open the ORCID page, where you need to sign in with your ORCID access codes. This will then have your ORCID ID listed as well.

5. Verifying Co-Authorship of a Submission

If the corresponding author has added you as a co-author for a manuscript, you will be asked to confirm whether or not you are indeed a co-author on that submission. As soon as the corresponding author submits the manuscript, you will receive an email asking you to verify your co-authorship. In that case, please click in the email on whichever answer applies and on the EM website press the ‘Submit to Publication’ button to confirm your choice.

If you wish, you can also link the submission to your ORCID profile using the ‘Link to ORCID Record’ button. Brill is working on including ORCID iDs in future online publications. For more information on ORCID, and its benefits for researchers, please see section 2.1.

6. Submitting a New Manuscript

6.1 General Preparation

Please make sure to always check the journal’s Instructions to Authors prior to submission in order to avoid unnecessary delays due to missing information or incorrect formatting of the manuscript. You can access the Instructions for Authors via the link on the left hand side of your Author’s main menu or through the Instructions for Authors link in the blue navigation bar at the top of the web page.

Need support prior to submitting your manuscript? Make the process of preparing and submitting a manuscript easier with Brill Author Services, an online platform that connects academics seeking support for their work with specialized experts who can help.

Many of our journals have a double-blinded review process, in which case you are asked to supply a separate title page document as well as an anonymized manuscript file. In that case, please make sure that the title page document includes the title of the manuscript, the names and affiliations of all authors, any acknowledgements, as well as abstract and keywords and that the ‘Title Page’ item type is selected for this file (see also section 6.2). The second (anonymized
manuscript) file should include the full title of the manuscript and the manuscript text but should NOT contain any of the authors’ names, contact information or acknowledgements. Figures and tables should preferably be supplied in separate files. All source files for your manuscript should be in an editable file format (e.g., MS Word for ms text, high-resolution tiff/jpg/eps files for figures). Only if your manuscript contains non-Roman scripts such as Hebrew, Greek, Arabic, etc., or scientific notations in formulae that may end up scrambled in the eventual PDF file of the submission, we advise to also provide a PDF file of your manuscript (in addition to the Word file) in which all of these special characters are displayed correctly.

6.2 Creating Your Submission Online

If you wish to submit a manuscript and have no My New Invitations link in your Author’s Main Menu, you can submit your manuscript via Submit New Manuscript.

You will be guided stepwise through the submission process. The information you provide here will facilitate both the review process and (if eventually accepted) the publication process, and will thus help us minimize delays. The actual steps may differ slightly per journal and per article type. Certain steps, however, are always required, such as selecting an article type (e.g., ‘Research Article’, ‘Book Review’, etc.), providing a title, the names of all authors and uploading the files of your article. Instructions for each submission step are generally provided at the top of the page. If the requested information is required for submission and/or if there is a limit in place (in terms of number of characters, words or items supplied), this will be clearly indicated. You can navigate from one step to another via the ‘Next’, ‘Back’ and ‘Proceed’ options, or by clicking on one of the symbols in the progress bar at the top. In the progress bar, a green tick (✔) indicates that you have successfully completed that section and a downward arrow (▼) indicates the section you are currently viewing. Should you have missed a step for which you are required to provide information, you will see an exclamation mark appear in red for that section in the progress bar at the top (⚠) and/or for the individual step (⚠). In that case, please provide the missing information. The system will not let you proceed with final submission unless you have provided all required information.

The process starts with selecting an article type. Note that if you are submitting a manuscript intended for a special issue, you should select the related ‘Special Issue:’ article type.

The next step is adding the files for your manuscript (‘Attach Files’). The first file you need to upload is a file that contains the manuscript’s full title, all authors and affiliations, any acknowledgements as well as clearly labelled abstract and keywords. If the journal of your choice has a single blind peer review system in place (this information is included in the Instructions for Authors), you can also include the full manuscript text in this first file. If the journal uses a double blind peer review system, however, you should provide the full manuscript text (excluding author names, affiliations and acknowledgements) in a separate file, to be uploaded in the next step as ‘Manuscript (anonymized)’.

If you upload this file in Word (.doc, .docx) or Open Office (.odt) format, Editorial Manager will automatically extract the article title, authors’ names and affiliations as well as the abstract from this file and use this information to fill out the related steps later on in the process, so that you will only need to check and, if needed, update this information rather than having to fill out these fields yourself. If you upload a different file format, the auto-extraction
will not work and you will need to fill out the related steps manually. In future, we hope to expand the auto-extraction feature to include extraction of keywords and allow other file types as well.

To upload the actual file, drag and drop the file into the ‘Drag & Drop Files Here’ area [1]. Otherwise, click on ‘Browse’ [2], then in the pop up window select the appropriate file on your computer [3], and click on ‘Open’ [4].

In Editorial Manager, the file you uploaded is shown at the bottom of the page and you can then upload any additional files if needed (e.g., figures, tables, anonymized manuscript text file). To upload additional files, you can again click on ‘Browse’ [2, 3, 4] (same as above) or simply drag and drop [1] them into the right area. Before you proceed to the next step, please make sure that the ‘Item’ label [5] for each file matches the contents of the file. The ‘item type’ determines whether or not that particular file is shared with referees once the manuscript is sent for review, so especially for double blind journals it is important that for instance the ‘Manuscript (anonymized)’ file does not contain any authors’ names, addresses or other clues to the authors’ identities. To change the item type, click on the triangle next to the item name. This opens a drop down menu where you can select a different item type. You can also edit the ‘Description’ fields [6] if needed. Should you wish to remove any of the files you uploaded, tick the relevant checkbox(es) in the ‘Select’ column and then click on ‘Remove’.

When ready, click on ‘Proceed’ at the bottom of the page. Then in the next sections, fill out the requested information. More details as to what information you need to provide, whether it is required and whether there are any limits, is indicated for each step, either immediately above or hidden underneath the info icon (white letter ‘i’ in a blue circle). Click on the ‘Next’ and ‘Proceed’ buttons to move from one step to the next. At the very end, click on ‘Build PDF for Approval’. By pressing this last button you confirm that the information you have uploaded is correct and complete and that the system can create a PDF file for editorial use. Note that you will still need to check and approve the PDF in order to actually send the article to the editor (see also below).
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Brill offers its authors the option to publish their article in Open Access. Some of our journals are full Open Access, which means that if you submit an article to that journal it will be published (if accepted) in Open Access by default. Please note, however, that for the majority of our journals, Open Access publication is a choice we offer to our authors and hence you can still choose NOT to publish in Open Access and hence NOT pay any article publication fees. For more information on our Open Access policy, fees and to find out which of our journals are full Open Access, click here.

Most Editorial Manager sites will ask you to indicate whether or not you wish to have your article published in Open Access right after you have clicked on ‘Build PDF for my Approval’ (see above). To see a cost estimate, click on ‘View Publication Charges’. Once you have selected either ‘Yes’ or ‘No’, click on ‘Proceed’ so that the system can create the PDF of your article. Note: For Full Open Access journals, you will always need to select ‘Yes’ in order to be able to proceed with submission (the help text at the top of the page indicates whether or not Open Access publication is a choice for the journal in question).

If your manuscript is eventually accepted for publication and you selected ‘Yes’, you will automatically receive an email with a link to the payment system (the Rightslink for Open Access application). There you can pay the Open Access fee.

6.3 Making Further Changes to Your Submission and Sending It to the Editor

When the system has created a PDF of your submission, you will receive notification via email and you will find it in Submissions Waiting for Author’s Approval in your main menu.

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9 When you publish an article in Open Access, the article is made available online for the general public at no cost for the reader. Instead, the author will reimburse the cost for publication by paying an Article Publication Charge.
The ‘Action’ column on the left will contain a number of links allowing you to take further action on the paper. (NOTE: If you do not see any specific action links as shown below, but rather one link called Action Links, either hover over the link text with your mouse to view and click the actual links OR press the ‘+’ symbol in the ‘Action’ column header to display all links directly on the page.)

- **View Submission:** Opens the PDF of your submission. Please check the PDF to ensure that it is complete and free of conversion errors. Make further changes if required (Edit Submission, see below).
- **Approve Submission:** This will send your ms to the editor for further processing. *If the PDF is okay and you are ready to submit it to the Editor*, first read Brill’s conditions carefully (click here to view; also accessible via the here link on the Waiting for Approval page) and check the ‘I agree’ tick box in the right hand column before clicking on Approve Submission.
- **Edit Submission:** Allows you to make further changes to the submission. Clicking on the link will lead you straight back to the submission steps as described above; you can then make the required changes and create a new PDF for approval.
- **Remove Submission:** Allows you to remove your submission.
- **Send Email** will allow you to send an email query to the Editorial Office.

Once the manuscript has been sent to the editors, the paper will be visible in Submissions Being Processed in your main menu and you will automatically receive a confirmation of receipt via email.

**NOTE:**
➢ Any papers shown in Incomplete Submissions or Waiting for Approval in your main menu have NOT been sent to the editor. For these submissions you will still need to make sure the PDF is built and approved. Papers that have been submitted successfully will appear in Submissions Being Processed until the editor has taken a decision.

7. Submitting an Invited Manuscript

The editor may ask you to submit a manuscript via Editorial Manager. In that case, before submitting the manuscript, please check if your main menu contains an ‘Invited Submissions’ section. If so, please submit the solicited article via the link(s) displayed for these folders. **My New Invitations** contains invitations to submit a manuscript. For these invitations, you will need to indicate whether you agree or decline to actually submit a paper. You can do this by first clicking on **My New Invitations** and then on **Agree to Submit** (or **Decline to Submit**). Agreeing to submit will transfer the paper to **My Accepted Invitations**.
When ready, you can go to this folder and submit the paper by clicking on **Submit Invited Manuscript**. This will start up exactly the same submission process as described in [section 6.2](#), so please follow the steps described there on how to create your submission and submit this to the Editorial Office (see also [section 6.3](#)).

### 8. Submitting a Revised Manuscript

If you have received a letter from the editor asking you to revise your manuscript, you will find the manuscript under **Submissions Needing Revision** in your main menu. Here you can view the manuscript version that the editor has taken a decision on (**View Submission**) and download the source files of that manuscript version (**File Inventory**). Should the editor have provided any **attachments** accompanying his decision (e.g., an annotated manuscript or additional review comments), you can download these via **View Attachments**. When ready, you can submit the revised version of your manuscript by clicking on **Revise Submission** and then on ‘OK’. You will then be guided through the same submission process as when you submitted the original version of the manuscript (see [section 6.2](#) for more details). You can make changes where necessary, upload the revised files and then build and approve the pdf.

**NOTES:**

- For revisions, after the article type selection step, you will be given the option to select and reuse files of the previous version of your manuscript. If there are any files available on this page that have *not* changed in the revision (e.g., figures that have stayed the same), you can tick the ‘Include in Revision’ check box(es) for those files so you will not need to upload them again. Otherwise, please leave the boxes unticked as the revised submission should only include the revised version of the manuscript: The PDFs of previous manuscript versions will remain available in the system, so including multiple versions of your paper in the revised submission will only cause confusion. Click on ‘Proceed’ to go to the next step, where you can add the new, revised files.

- The editor usually appreciates (and often requires) receiving a note detailing the changes you have made to your manuscript. This should be uploaded with the ‘Response to Reviews’ item type label.

- For revisions, the **Waiting for Approval** and **Being Processed** folders appear in the ‘Revisions’ section in your main menu.
9. Troubleshooting

9.1 Unable to Build PDF

When you click on 'Build PDF for My Approval' at the end of the submission steps as described in section 6.2, and you have missed any steps, you will get to see a pop-up showing which information you still need to provide or review.

Click on the bold text to go directly to the appropriate section. Once you have provided the missing information, click on the 'Manuscript Data' circle in the progress bar at the top and then on 'Build PDF for My Approval'. Then check and approve the PDF as explained in section 6.3.

9.2 Submission Missing from Main Menu (Corresponding Author Changed)

If you change the corresponding author while creating or editing a submission, the submission will be sent to the Corresponding Author's main menu for approval and will disappear from your main menu. In that case, please contact the Corresponding Author and ask him/her to ensure that the submission is finalized and sent through to the Editor for further processing (see sections 6.2 and 6.3).

9.3 Submission not Received by Editor

Please check your Author's Main Menu: Only manuscripts that you find in Submissions Being Processed and Revisions Being Processed have been received by the editor.

Any manuscripts that you find in Incomplete Submissions, Submissions Waiting for Author's Approval, Incomplete Submissions Being Revised, Revisions Waiting for Author's Approval, and Declined Revisions have not been received by the editor. The action links shown for the submissions in these folders will allow you to complete the process (see also sections 6.2 and 6.3 for more information).

If you see any mss in Submissions Sent Back to Author, Submissions Needing Revision, Revisions Sent Back to Author, this means that the editor has asked you to make further changes to those submissions and is waiting for you to take further action. You will have received an email explaining which changes you need to make. If you have not received an email, please contact the editor.

9.4 Other

Please also check our Author's FAQ for other issues. Should you need further assistance, please do feel free to contact our EM Support Team at EM@brill.com.