FastTrack for Authors

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Overview

What we'll cover:

- What FastTrack is

- Why we use FastTrack

- Who has roles in FastTrack

- How to submit a manuscript and the additional files needed to publish it

What is FastTrack?

FastTrack

FastTrack is an automated, web-based manuscript management and tracking system. It facilitates double-blind reviews, allows authors to track the status of their submissions, and streamlines the administrative and peer review process.

- Express Academic Services

Why do we use FastTrack?

FastTrack allows Extension Publishing to:

- **Organize** manuscript submissions and peer review

- **Manage** the peer review process

- **Facilitate** double-blind peer review

- **Archive** files associated with published manuscripts

Who has roles in FastTrack?

There are a few roles in FastTrack, including:

Manager – Lagene Taylor, Publishing Coordinator

Reviewer – Faculty and technical experts

"Editor" – Program directors

Author – YOU!

How do I use FastTrack?

To get started in FastTrack, you need to:

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- If a revision, previous publication number

- Any other helpful notes or information

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3. Recommend peer reviewers

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6. Intended audience

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Submission summary

Submission ID:	2016-1788
Corresponding author:	Christina Mangiapani (MangiapaniC)
Title:	How to Submit a Manuscript in FastTrack
Author(s):	Christina L. Mangiapani
Type:	Extension Manual
Submission date:	19 Aug 2016, 5:23pm
Assigned to editor:	—
Status:	Submitted
Abstract:	Extension publications authors often run into problems when trying to submit a manuscript to be published. FastTrack, an automated, web-based manuscript management system, is meant to streamline the publications process, but it can take some time to become familiar with the system. This publication intends to teach authors with a manuscript how to submit it, and associated files, in FastTrack.
Submission file:	How to Submit a Manuscript on FastTrack.docx
Manuscript Attachments:	Figure_1.PNG (0.05 MB) Figure_2.PNG (0.05 MB) [Attach another file]
Submitted reviews:	

How long does it take for peer review?

- The automatic system-assigned timeframe is 14 days. This timeframe is also adjustable by the Program Directors. Peer review can take anywhere from 1 day to 30 days; it all depends on the availability of the reviewers and whether the Program Director has to reassign new reviewers.

Do I embed images in my manuscript?

- Yes, please include low-resolution images in the uploaded manuscript. This will allow the peer reviewers to review the entire document.

Should images be high resolution?

- High-resolution (200 dpi at 3x3 inches) images should be uploaded separately into the submission. We will use these for the graphic design.
- We request that low-resolution (72 dpi) images be embedded into your manuscript.

FAQs

Do I have to recommend peer reviewers?

- No, but it is highly recommended. It can help speed up the process if the Program Director does not have to search for peer reviewers.

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What triggers pesticide review?

- Any mention of pesticides or herbicides, by specific name or not, will trigger pesticide review.

Remember...

- Prep all files prior to submission.

- FastTrack times out in 30 minutes.

- Embed low-resolution images in manuscript.

- Upload high-resolution images.

- Upload required forms packet.

- Email editor with questions.

Questions?

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Other Resources

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