

Reviewing Submissions

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This is a walk-through of the review process for a journal manager or reviewer. For the author's perspective on the review process, check [here](#).

1. Assign an Editor

In order to begin the review process, a submission must be assigned at least one editor. The submission dashboard of each article includes a **"Participants"** box on the right side of the Submission Dashboard, which initially only includes the author(s) that is registered with your journal. To add an editor, select the blue **"Assign"** button in the upper right corner of this **"Participants"** box.



The screenshot displays the Submission Dashboard interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Submission, Review, Copyediting, and Production. A 'Help' button is located in the top right corner. The main content area is divided into three sections: 'Submission Files', 'Pre-Review Discussions', and 'Participants'. The 'Submission Files' section shows a file named '18-1 | jsmith, Author, Article 4.pdf' with a search icon and an 'Upload File' button. Below the file list is a 'Download All Files' button. The 'Pre-Review Discussions' section has an 'Add discussion' button and a table with columns for Name, From, Last Reply, Replies, and Closed. The 'Participants' section on the right shows a list of participants under the heading 'Author', with 'Jane Smith' listed. An 'Assign' button is located in the top right corner of the 'Participants' box. A message above the 'Participants' box reads: 'Assign an editor to enable the editorial decisions for this stage.'

You will be asked to locate a user by role or name. If you cannot remember specific usernames, by selecting a relevant role from the drop-down menu (in this case, **"Journal Editor"** or **"Section Editor"**) you can list all users that have that role. Once you have selected your editor, you can then limit their assignment privileges by checking the small box under the **"Assignment Privileges"** heading. This will still allow the user to make edits and proofread, but they will be unable to move this submission along in the review process without confirmation from the journal manager or an editor with higher permissions. Finally, you can select a message to email to this new editor alerting them of a potential editorial assignment.

Assign Participant

Help



Locate a User

Journal editor

Search User By Name

Search

Name

ojsadmin iuswadmin

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Assignment privileges

This participant is only allowed to recommend an editorial decision and will require an authorised editor to record editorial decisions.

Choose a predefined message to use, or fill out the form below.

[ojs3wiki] Editorial Assignment

Message

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EDITOR :

The submission, "A proposed EEG study: the role of object affordance during action observation," to OJS 3 Wiki Journal has been assigned to you to see through the editorial process in your role as Section Editor.

Submission URL: URL

Username: USERNAME

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2. Send to Review

Once an editor is selected, a new menu will appear in the right corner of the submission dashboard above the "Participants" box. There are three options available:

Send to Review: Moves the submission on to the next stage.

Accept and Skip Review: Skips the review stage and moves the submission directly to copyediting.

Decline Submission: Rejects the submission before the review process, archiving the submission and sending a rejection notice to the submitting author.

Select the blue **"Send to Review"** button to access the Review dashboard.

The screenshot shows the submission dashboard with the 'Review' tab selected. The 'Submission Files' section contains one file: 'jsmith, Author, Article 4.pdf' with a checkbox to its left. The 'Pre-Review Discussions' section shows a discussion titled '[ojs3wiki] Editorial Assignment' from 'ojsadmin' on Feb/13. The right sidebar contains buttons for 'Send to Review', 'Accept and Skip Review', and 'Decline Submission'. Below these are sections for 'Participants' (Journal editor: ojsadmin iuswadmin) and 'Author' (Jane Smith).

Make sure to select the files for review by checking the small box to the left of the file name - any files not selected here can be accessed in later stages, but will not be available for your reviewers nor be accessible from the Review page.

The 'Send to Review' modal dialog is shown. It has a blue header with a close button. The main content area says 'Select files below to send them to the review stage.' Below this is the 'Submission Files' section with one file: 'jsmith, Author, Article 3.pdf' with a checked checkbox. At the bottom of the modal are two buttons: 'Send to Review' and 'Cancel'.

3. Review Dashboard

You will now have access to the review dashboard (found next to **"Submission"** under the **"Review"** tab in the top blue menu bar), which looks similar to the initial submission dashboard. In order to start the review process, you will need to assign reviewers: go to the **"Reviewers"** box below **"Review Files"** and select the blue **"Add Reviewer"** in the upper right corner.

Submission **Review** Copyediting Production Help

Round 1 **New Review Round**

Round 1 Status
Waiting for reviewers to be assigned.

Review Files Q Search Upload/Select Files

▶ 36-1 Author, Article 4.pdf Article Text

Reviewers Add Reviewer

No Items

Revisions Q Search Upload File

No Files

Review Discussions Add discussion

Name	From	Last Reply	Replies	Closed
No Items				

Request Revisions

Accept Submission

Decline Submission

Participants Assign

Journal editor

▶ ojsadmin iuswadmin

Author

▶ Jane Smith

4. Add Reviewer

Though restricted to searching for reviewers by name, you can search by several other factors if necessary. You can select a range for how many reviews this reviewer has completed, how many days since their last review of your journal, the average amount of days it takes them to complete a review, and how many reviews they are currently working on. If you had users with the Reviewer role submit their potential interests by subject, you can search for those as well. No matter how you search for a reviewer, you will be able to see all of their information and averages, as well as their listed interests.

At the bottom of this window, you will notice three options:

Select Reviewer: This will confirm the user you have just searched for is a reviewer.

Create New Reviewer: This will create a new user for the system, who will automatically have the Reviewer role. You will need to create a username and require a valid email to complete this step.

Enroll Existing User: This will allow you to search existing users and give them the Reviewer role along with their current assigned roles.

Add Reviewer



Locate a Reviewer

Search Reviewers By Name

Hide more search options

Reviews completed: Disabled

Days since last review: Disabled

Average days to complete: Disabled

Currently active reviews: Disabled

Reviewer Interests (type to search for matching interests)

Search

	Name	Done	Average Days	Latest	Active	Reviewing interests
<input type="radio"/>	Jenny Hoops	0	0	--	0	
<input type="radio"/>	ojsadmin iuswadmin	1	0	2018-02-12	0	
<input type="radio"/>	Jane Smith	0	0	--	0	

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Select Reviewer

[Create New Reviewer](#)

[Enroll Existing User](#)

Once you confirm your selected reviewer or create a new reviewer account, you will be directed to a new window. You will see your chosen reviewer at the top of the window and be given the option to change to a new user if necessary. You will also see the default content of the email for requesting a review. While you can edit this, most of the email's content should be responsive to your previous choices and default review settings.

Add Reviewer



Selected Reviewer

Jenny Hoops [Change](#)

Email to be sent to reviewer

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NAME :

I believe that you would serve as an excellent reviewer of the manuscript, "The Great Starlit Vault Of Heaven": Walt Whitman's Treatment of Death Through Astronomy," which has been submitted to OJS 3 Wiki Journal. The submission's abstract is inserted below, and I hope that you will consider undertaking this important task for us.

Please log into the journal web site by `RESPONSE DUE DATE` to indicate whether you will undertake the review or not, as well as to access the submission and to record your review and recommendation. The web site is <http://carbon.dlib.indiana.edu:8107/ojs3dev/index.php/ojs3wiki>

The review itself is due `REVIEW DUE DATE` .

If you do not have your username and password for the journal's web site, you can use this link to reset your password (which will then be emailed to you along with your username).
<http://carbon.dlib.indiana.edu:8107/ojs3dev/index.php/ojs3wiki/login/lostPassword>

Submission URL: `URL`

Thank you for considering this request.

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You can choose not to send an email to the reviewer by checking the box directly below the text of the email. The deadlines listed under "Important Dates" should coincide with default deadlines you set in the **Review Guidelines**, but you can change them for special circumstances here. Reviewers must respond to the review request by the *Response Due Date* and have at least one review done and submitted into the system by *Review Due Date*. You will then select the review type: double-blind (authors and reviewers will be unable to see each other's identities), blind (the author will not know their reviewer) or open (all parties know each other's identities/usernames). Make sure to keep your journal review policy consistent.

Do not send email to Reviewer.

Important Dates

2018-03-05 2018-03-12

Response Due Date *Review Due Date*

[+](#) [Files To Be Reviewed](#)

Review Type

Double-blind

Blind

Open

After you have sent a review request, your reviewer box will display the reviewer's name with the phrase "request sent" along with the response due date. By clicking the small blue arrow to the left of the reviewer's name, you can examine an overview of the review details, email the reviewer updates, edit the reviewer's information, unassign the reviewer from the submission, and look at the status of the review.

Reviewers [Add Reviewer](#)

▼ Jenny Hoops **Request Sent**
Response due: 2018-03-07

[Review Details](#) [Email Reviewer](#) [Edit](#) [Unassign Reviewer](#) [History](#)

! Once a reviewer completes their review, they will be permanently blocked from the submission dashboard and the rest of the editorial workflow. OJS 3 implements this to ensure the integrity of blind peer review. However, in cases where you may wish to implement a more informal review that consists of editors also acting as reviewers, you will need to utilize the Submission Dashboard's [Discussion](#) feature.

5. Review Decision

You will now wait for your reviewer to submit their review decision.

Their recommendation will appear in the "Reviewers" box, under the "Review Submitted" text at the center of the box. There are four possible reviewer recommendations:

Request Revisions: This option will require the author to make minor changes, but no further peer review is required.

Resubmit for Review: This will require the author to make major changes and another round of review will need to take place.

Send to Copyediting: This means the submission is accepted without revisions and can proceed to copyediting.

Decline Submission: The reviewer is recommending that this submission is not up to the journal's standards and should be declined for publication.

In the case below, the reviewer has recommended some revisions, which can easily be made without further input from the reviewer. In order to alert the author that these revisions need to be made, select the gray "Request Revisions" button on the right side of the page.

The screenshot displays a web interface for managing a submission. At the top, there are navigation tabs: "Submission", "Review", "Copyediting", and "Production". The "Review" tab is active. Below the navigation, there is a "Round 1" section. Underneath, a "Round 1 Status" box indicates "Submission accepted." The main area is divided into three sections: "Review Files", "Reviewers", and "Participants".

- Review Files:** Contains a search bar, "Upload/Select Files" button, and a file entry: "26-1 Author, Article 3.pdf" with "Article Text" as a description.
- Reviewers:** Lists "Jenny Hoops" with a "Review Submitted" status and a "Recommendation: Revisions Required". There are buttons for "Review Details", "Email Reviewer", "Edit", and "History".
- Participants:** Lists "Journal editor" (ojsadmin iuswadmin) and "Author".

On the right side of the interface, there are three prominent buttons: "Request Revisions" (gray), "Accept Submission" (blue), and "Decline Submission" (pink).

Once you select this button, a window will present you with options for the email you will be sending to the submission's author. You will inform the author whether or not these revisions will be subject to another round of peer review. Since our reviewer selected the **Revisions Required** option, another round of peer review is not necessary. You can also choose whether or not to send an email notifying this stage of review- if you want a speedy reply, an email notification is recommended. Make sure to select the review files shared by the reviewer for the email.

Request Revisions



Require New Review Round

- Revisions will not be subject to a new round of peer reviews.
- Revisions will be subject to a new round of peer reviews.

Send Email

- Send an email notification to the author(s): Damon Pham
- Do not send an email notification

Rich text editor toolbar: Copy, Paste, Bold, Italic, Underline, Link, Unlink, Source, Full Screen, Upload, Add Media.

Damon Pham:

We have reached a decision regarding your submission to OJS 3 Wiki Journal, ""The Great Starlit Vault Of Heaven"": Walt Whitman's Treatment of Death Through Astronomy".

Our decision is: Revisions Required

ojsadmin iuswadmin Powered by TinyMCE

+ Add Reviews to Email

Select review files to share with the author(s)

Search

29-1 Journal editor, Article 5.pdf

Record Editorial Decision

Cancel

6. Final Steps

Once the author has responded to revisions, it is time to move the submission to the copyediting stage. Make sure the final reviewed and revised file is uploaded into the "Review Files" box and then select the blue "Accept Submission" button on the right side of the page.

Round 1

Round 1 Status
Submission accepted.

Review Files Q Search Upload/Select Files

▶ 26-1 Author, Article 3.pdf Article Text

Reviewers Add Reviewer

▶ Jenny Hoops **Review Submitted**
Recommendation: Revisions Required Read Review

Revisions Q Search Upload File

▶ 30-1 Author, Article 3.pdf Article Text

Review Discussions Order Add discussion

Name	From	Last Reply	Replies	Closed
▶ First Review Submitted	ojsadmin Feb/12	-	0	<input type="checkbox"/>
▶ Revision Submitted	jsmith Feb/12	-	0	<input type="checkbox"/>

Request Revisions

Accept Submission

Decline Submission

Participants Assign

Journal editor

▶ ojsadmin iuswadmin

Author

▶ Jane Smith

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