

PEER REVIEW PROCESS

The *International Journal of Sustainability and Advanced Integrated Research* maintains a robust and transparent peer review system to ensure the academic rigor, relevance, and overall quality of all published manuscripts. The journal follows a **double-blind peer review** model, meaning both the reviewers and authors remain anonymous throughout the evaluation process. Below is the step-by-step outline of our review workflow:

1. Initial Editorial Screening

Upon submission, each manuscript undergoes a **preliminary evaluation** by the editorial office. This stage involves checking:

- Suitability to the journal's aims and scope
- Adherence to *International Journal of Sustainability and Advanced Integrated Research*'s formatting and referencing standards
- Completeness of required documents (e.g., declaration forms)
- Presence of plagiarism through similarity checks

Manuscripts that do not meet basic submission requirements or fall outside the journal's scope will be returned to the authors or rejected without peer review.

2. Reviewer Assignment and Double-Blind Review

Manuscripts passing initial screening are assigned to **two or more independent reviewers** who are experts in the relevant field. The review period usually lasts between **10 to 30 days**, depending on the availability and responsiveness of the referees.

Reviewers are requested to evaluate the manuscript based on the following criteria:

- Originality and significance of the research
- Soundness of the methodology
- Appropriateness of the analysis
- Clarity and quality of the presentation
- Relevance to sustainability and interdisciplinary integration
- Ethical compliance, if applicable

Reviewers submit a detailed report and recommend one of the following: **Accept, Minor Revisions, Major Revisions, or Reject**.

3. Editorial Decision and Author Revision

Based on reviewers' recommendations, the Editor-in-Chief issues a decision. Authors receiving revision requests are expected to resubmit their revised manuscripts within the indicated timeframe. Resubmitted papers may be sent back to reviewers for re-evaluation, depending on the extent of the changes.

4. Final Acceptance and Publication

After the revised manuscript is accepted, it enters the **production phase** where the editorial team:

- Finalizes typesetting and formatting
- Assigns article DOI and metadata
- Sends galley proofs to authors for final approval

