

### Global Journal of Environmental and Sustainability Sciences (GJESS)

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### **Submission Guidelines for Authors**

The Global Journal of Environmental and Sustainability Sciences (GJESS) welcomes high-quality, original research articles, review papers, case studies, and perspectives that align with the scope of the journal. Authors are advised to read these guidelines carefully before submitting their manuscripts to ensure a smooth and efficient review process.

### 1. Scope and Focus Areas

GJESS publishes articles in the following areas:

- Environmental Sciences and Sustainability
- Public Health and Environmental Health
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- Waste Management
- Environmental Policy and Governance
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- Environmental Economics and Sustainable Finance

Manuscripts should provide new insights, advancements in methodology, or practical applications relevant to these fields.

## 2. Manuscript Types

We accept the following types of submissions:

- Research Articles (4,000-8,000 words): Original studies with significant findings.
- Review Articles (5,000-10,000 words): Comprehensive reviews of existing literature.
- Case Studies (2,000-4,000 words): Detailed analysis of specific environmental issues or interventions.
- Short Communications (1,500-3,000 words): Brief reports on innovative findings.
- **Perspectives/Opinion Pieces** (1,000-2,500 words): Commentary on emerging issues or policies.

# 3. Manuscript Preparation

- Format: Manuscripts must be submitted as a Microsoft Word document (.doc or .docx).
- Language: All submissions must be written in clear, concise English. Authors may use American or British English but must be consistent throughout the manuscript.

#### Structure:

- Title Page: Title, author names, affiliations, and contact details of the corresponding author.
- Abstract: A concise summary (150-250 words) of the study, including the purpose, methodology, key findings, and implications.
- Keywords: Provide 4-6 relevant keywords.
- o Main Text: Should include Introduction, Methods, Results, Discussion, and Conclusion.
- o References: Follow APA (7th edition) referencing style.

### 4. Figures, Tables, and Supplementary Material

- **Figures**: Should be submitted in high-resolution (300 dpi) JPEG or PNG format. Each figure must have a descriptive caption.
- Tables: Include tables within the manuscript text, numbered consecutively with a brief title.
- Supplementary Material: Additional data can be submitted as supplementary files (e.g., datasets, extended methods).

#### 5. Ethical Considerations

Authors must adhere to the highest standards of ethical conduct. Submissions must comply with the following:

- Authorship Criteria: All listed authors should have made significant contributions to the work
- Conflict of Interest: Authors must declare any potential conflicts of interest.
- **Plagiarism**: The journal uses plagiarism detection software. Manuscripts with high similarity scores will be rejected.
- Research Ethics: Studies involving human or animal subjects must have received ethical approval from an appropriate committee.

## 6. Submission Process

- Manuscripts must be submitted through the GJESS online submission system.
- Ensure that the cover letter includes a brief statement of the significance of the work and confirms that the manuscript is not under consideration elsewhere.
- The corresponding author will be notified upon successful submission.

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- All manuscripts undergo a double-blind peer review.
- Authors may suggest potential reviewers (optional) who have expertise in the subject area. However, the journal reserves the right to select independent reviewers.
- The review process typically takes 4-6 weeks.

## 8. Revision and Resubmission

- If revisions are requested, authors are expected to submit the revised manuscript within the specified timeframe (usually 2-4 weeks).
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