

## EDITORIAL POLICY OF THE COLLECTION

### DISSEMINATION AND TRANSFERENCE

#### Theme and Scope

##### Introduction

The Dissemination and Transference Collection was established in 2018, and refounded in 2021. Its main function is to communicate the results of scientific and technical research to society, so as to reach out to the general public.

Knowledge transfer is one of the functions of a university. There are initiatives to appraise scientific dissemination activities, indicating that scientific dissemination books are among the most highly rated aspects in academia. This is seen as a merit on a professional CV, for the development of a teaching career and also for the recognition of the work performed by teaching staff and scientists through what is known as the transfer period.

They are also hugely important for institutions in terms of promoting results and the media impact that can be achieved. In the case of universities, for instance, these publications are taken into account in university rankings.

##### Scope

The collection is made up of titles fulfilling the highest scientific standards and public interest, written in Spanish and English.

These are multidisciplinary works, basic and applied research studies, combining theory and practice in clear, explanatory text understandable to non-experts, so as to make science accessible to all.

This serves to supplement the work performed by the Universidad Complutense de Madrid through various initiatives for the dissemination of research studies among a non-specialist audience.

To consider publication, a minimum of fifty percent of authors of any given project have to belong to universities other than UCM. In the case of collective works, the percentage of internal and external authorship will be calculated.

##### Aims

The fundamental aims include:

- Inform society of research advances.
- Foster curiosity as to scientific developments.
- Promote critical thinking.
- Make scientific and technological knowledge available for decision-making.
- Promote a dedication to research.

This initiative aims to combine science and culture.

##### Topics

The content structure corresponds to the four main branches of knowledge:

- Arts and Humanities
- Sciences

- Health Sciences
- Social and Legal Sciences

As far as possible, the aim will be to represent the Sustainable Development Goals (STG), so as to achieve, in the field of health for example, improvements in people's quality of life, and in the field of the environment, the fight against climate change.

## Editorial process

Requests for publication must be made using the **official form** and will be registered according to their date of arrival, with confirmation of receipt being sent within ten working days. They will subsequently be passed to the Chair of the Collection together with all the other documentation submitted for review at the Scientific Committee under publishing policy criteria, and a decision will be taken within ninety working days from receipt. If the request is rejected, the Editorial Board of Ediciones Complutense will issue the corresponding reasoned report within ninety working days. If it is approved, the author must submit the full text of the work within six months, if not already submitted, in accordance with the **publishing guidelines** available on the website. Once the full text has been received and subjected to the corresponding anti-plagiarism analysis, it will be reviewed by the technical staff of Ediciones Complutense in order to ensure that it meets the publication rules of the publisher.

The work will then be anonymised and submitted for review and reporting to two specialists of recognised standing in the field with no ties either to the institution to which the author belongs or Universidad Complutense de Madrid, the Editorial Board of Ediciones Complutense and the Scientific Committee of the collection. In the event of a discrepancy, the opinion of a third reviewer will be taken into consideration. The reviewers will be proposed by the Scientific Committee of the collection and they must return their reports within thirty working days.

Reviewers and members of the Scientific Committee of the collection and the Editorial Board of Ediciones Complutense must refrain from taking decisions in any of the following situations:

- A direct relationship exists between an author and a reviewer.
- Recent and significant professional collaboration exists between the author and the reviewer.
- The reviewer is collaborating on the work sent to them.
- The reviewer believes they cannot be objective, whether for personal reasons or an interest of a financial nature.

When at least two reports are favourable (publishable / publishable with corrections), the considerations expressed by the external reviewer(s) for inclusion will be sent to the author anonymously.

The Scientific Committee of the collection will issue a reasoned ruling within thirty working days from reception of the reports from the reviewer(s), which it will pass to the Editorial Board of Ediciones Complutense alongside said reports. The latter will adopt a final decision within thirty working days.

If the result is favourable, the author must deliver the **declaration of good practice and transfer of rights** as a preliminary step before signing the publishing contract. If the original includes figures, photographs, maps, graphics or any other kind of illustration or image, the author must also provide documentary evidence that the same are not subject to rights or that the pertinent reproduction authorisation has been obtained.

The author will be entitled to receive two proofs for correction. The first will be delivered within twenty working days from the date of receipt of the original final manuscript and the second within fifteen working days from the date of receipt of the first corrected proofs. The correction process will consist of checking the proofs against the original and, where appropriate, including any essential last-minute additions, the publication of which is subject to a decision from Ediciones Complutense.

Finally, the book will be published within sixty working days from receipt of the final page proofs corrected by the author.

For further information, we recommend consulting the sections on [instructions for authors](#), [instructions for reviewers](#), [original manuscript selection and review process](#), [original manuscript selection diagram](#) and [portfolio services](#).

## Editorial criteria

Generally speaking, publication proposals for conference proceedings, project results reports, translations of works that do not include a critical study, facsimile editions, master's dissertations and doctoral dissertations that have not been reformulated for publication will not be accepted.

Submitted works must meet the publication guidelines of the Publisher and fall under the themes of the collection. They must also meet the requirements on originality, scientific interest, relevance to the topic, conceptual and methodological rigour, contribution to knowledge, internal coherence of the text and clear explanations, valid and sound conclusions, and sufficient and up-to-date bibliography.

Works must be submitted alongside the corresponding [declarations of authorship](#) and of [good practice and transfer of rights](#), and will be examined by anti-plagiarism software.

If the publication will receive external funding, the author must specify the amount thereof and the name of the partner entity.

Pursuant to Spanish legal regulations, all those works with ethical implications (research in humans or the use of biological samples of human origin, use of human embryonic stem cells or lines taken from them, clinical trials, use of personal data and genetic information, animal experimentation, use of biological agents of risk to human or animal health or the environment, confined use of genetically modified organisms - GMO, release of GMO) must have the corresponding report from the Research Ethics Committee of the corresponding centre for publication, in accordance with Spanish Law 14/2007 (OSG of 4 July 2007), the purposes of which are contained in Article 12.

If the original includes figures, photographs, maps, graphics or any other kind of illustration or image, the author must provide documentary evidence that the same are not subject to rights or that the pertinent reproduction authorisation has been obtained.

For further information, we recommend consulting the sections on [instructions for authors](#).

## Original manuscript review systems

The publication proposal will be submitted for preliminary review by the Scientific Committee of the collection according to publishing policy criteria. If approved, the full manuscript must be submitted (if this has not already taken place), which, after the corresponding anti-plagiarism analysis, will be reviewed by the technical staff of Ediciones Complutense in order to ensure that it meets the publication rules of the publisher.

The work will then be anonymised and submitted for review and reporting to two specialists of recognised standing in the field with no ties either to the institution to which the author belongs or Universidad Complutense, the Editorial Board of Ediciones Complutense and the Scientific Committee of the collection. In the event of a discrepancy, the opinion of a third reviewer will be taken into consideration. The reviewers will be proposed by the Scientific Committee of the collection and they must return their reports within thirty working days.

The reviewers will review contributions according to a **standard form** and must issue an overall rating (Publishable/Publishable with corrections/Not publishable) based on the following aspects:

- Content: originality, scientific interest, relevance to the topic, methodology, conclusions and bibliography.
- Expression and presentation: structure and clarity of the text, conceptual rigour and internal consistency of the text.

For further information, you may consult the sections on **instructions for reviewers**, **original manuscript selection and review process** and **original manuscript selection diagram**.

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1. Upon expiry of the agreed period.
2. Following the sale of all copies, if this was the publication purpose.
3. Following ten years from the transfer, if remuneration was exclusively agreed as standard pursuant to the provisions of Article 46, Section 2.d, of the Spanish Intellectual Property Act.
4. At any event, at 15 years after Ediciones Complutense has been authorised by the author to reproduce the work.

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