

Instruction for Authors

1. *Core Ethics* is a bulletin published by the Graduate School of Core Ethics and Frontier Sciences, Ritsumeikan University (GSCEFS). In the following, the instructions for preparing and submitting the manuscript to this journal are explained. These include the peer-review policy.
2. This journal is published once a year by the *Core Ethics* Editorial Board, the entity responsible for all the content published in the journal.
3. The Editorial Board consists of faculty members of the GSCEFS, and the dean of the GSCEFS who presides and serves it as the Chief Editor.
4. The *Core Ethics* Editorial Office is established for the Editorial Board as the entity in charge of editorial work.
5. Authors who wish to submit a manuscript to the journal should fulfill the following eligibility criteria:
 - (1) Current and past faculty members of the GSCEFS.
 - (2) Doctoral students and graduates of the GSCEFS. **Excluding the research guidance assistants serving as project managers for the editorial board of the annual bulletin for that year.**
 - (3) Someone who has been specially approved by the Editorial Board
 - (4) A co-authored manuscript of the journal could be approved as long as one of the submitting authors applies to the above-mentioned points (1) (2) (3).
6. The manuscript must not be under peer-review, or accepted for publication, in press or published elsewhere. *Core Ethics* accepts the following types of manuscripts:
 - (1) Article: It is a high-quality research paper of empirical and/or logical study in a specific field. It can be written in Japanese or English.
 - (2) Research Note: It is a manuscript not published as an article but contains new suggestions, issues, or meaningful information for a specific field. It can be written in Japanese or English.
 - (3) Review: It is a critique of published academic books, articles published in academic journals, art exhibitions, academic conferences, research sessions, research projects and so on. It can be written in Japanese or English.
7. The Editorial Board decides whether the submitted manuscript [in any of the modalities (1) (2) (3)] is suitable to get published or not. The Chief Editor notifies the author of the acceptance or rejection of the manuscript via the Editorial Office. In

the case of manuscript to be published as an article (1), the Editorial Board determines the result based on the internal examination by each member of the Editorial Board, and the review made by an external and non-affiliated referee.

8. Authors interested on submitting a manuscript should obtain and fill out the prescribed application form within the application period determined by the Editorial Board. However, this rule does not apply to those who were specially approved by the Editorial Board (point 5; incise 3 of this instruction guideline). Each author's submission is officially approved on the date when their manuscript is submitted, not when their application is accepted.
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10. Once the Editorial Board accepts an application for submitting a manuscript, authors must submit by the specified deadline, the necessary items detailed in "Guidelines for Authors," which include the complete manuscript, abstract, tables, figures, photographs, and so on.
11. Authorship fees may be paid exclusively to external researchers writing a manuscript requested by the Editorial Board (Point 5, incise 3 of this instruction guideline). The Chief Editor will decide on the authorship fee between 1,000 to 2,000 yen per printed page (approximately 1,500 words in Japanese characters). It might be taken into consideration the researcher credentials and academic status.
12. The table of contents and the published articles of this journal will be available on the GSCEFS website. However, articles might not be published without the author's permission or under special approvals made by the Editorial Board.
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14. The faculty meeting of the GSCEFS has the rights to improve or eliminate any content of the preceding paragraphs. Those are based on regular discussions meetings at the Editorial Board.

Supplement

- (1) These instructions came into effect on November 9, 2004 and are applicable from November 10, 2004.
- (2) In accordance with these rules, “Instruction for Authors of *Core Ethics* vol.1, 2004” (July 13, 2004) is hereby abolished.

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