Cambridge Diamond open access platform

Terms of use

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Overview

These Terms of Use explain how members of the University, journal editorial teams, and end-users may use the Cambridge Diamond Open Access Platform ("the Site"). By using this Site, you agree to comply with these Terms.

Operator

https://diamond-oa.lib.cam.ac.uk is operated by:

Cambridge University Libraries and Archives
West Road
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The platform runs on the DSpace repository system. The Site provides hosting only and is not the publisher of journal content.

Purpose of the Service

The platform provides free, self-managed hosting for diamond open access journals created by University of Cambridge academics, staff, and students.
It must not be used for:

- unlawful activity,
- content unrelated to scholarly communication, or
- activities incompatible with the University's research and ethics policies.

What Can Be Deposited

- Only content accepted for publication by journals hosted on this platform may be deposited.
- Depositors must have the rights and authority to upload the content.
- Metadata will be made publicly available in line with FAIR principles.
- Content will be openly accessible upon publication.

User Responsibilities

Service Users, including journal editors and managers, must:

- ensure deposited content does not infringe copyright, intellectual property, or third-party rights
- comply with data protection and privacy requirements
- ensure content meets the University's research integrity and ethics standards
- publish under a Creative Commons licence and ensure authors retain copyright
- ensure content does not contain harmful, illegal, defamatory, or offensive material
- manage the full editorial workflow (submissions, peer review, copy-editing, typesetting, proofreading)
- include DOIs and other identifiers in published files
- respond to Library communications promptly
- provide six months' notice if leaving the service.

End-users must comply with all licence terms when re-using content.

End-User Access and Use

Content is provided under the licence assigned to each item; users must follow these terms.
Unless otherwise indicated, content is protected by copyright with all rights reserved.
End-users must cite content appropriately (author, year, title, DOI/URL).

Cambridge Diamond Platform: Roles and Responsibilities

Cambridge Diamond Open Access Platform's Responsibilities

The Site will:

- provide the hosting service free of charge to Cambridge researchers on a rolling basis
- if a journal loses significant Cambridge editorial representation, the Site may introduce a service charge (TBD) or support migration to another platform
- issue permanent identifiers (DOIs) via DataCite
- host journal content on open-source platforms including DSpace

- provide technical support, including upgrades, migrations, bug fixes, and routine maintenance
- digitally preserve content using in-house preservation methods and, where appropriate, external preservation networks
- maintain and provide industry-standard policies, including publication ethics guidance
- offer best-practice advice on academic publishing and licensing, including copyright support from Library specialists
- submit eligible journals to indexing and discovery services to improve visibility
- provide documentation and initial training to journal teams.

Service Users' Responsibilities

Service Users will:

- publish content on the Cambridge Diamond platform
- ensure all content is fully Open Access under a Diamond OA model (no author fees)
- apply an appropriate Creative Commons licence
- ensure authors retain copyright to their work
- guarantee that published content complies with copyright and privacy law
- retain full editorial control over acceptance and publication decisions
- ensure publication workflows are complete and of high quality
- ensure DOIs are correctly displayed in all published PDFs
- reply promptly to the Site communications
- provide six months' notice before discontinuing use of the service.

Additional Responsibilities of Journal Editors

Editors must:

- publish content in accordance with their publication schedule;
- notify the Site of changes in editorial leadership or journal governance;
- maintain a succession plan for editorial management to ensure continuity.

Service Availability

We aim to maintain continuous access to the platform.
However, we cannot guarantee uninterrupted or error-free operation.
Scheduled maintenance, technical issues, or unforeseen disruptions may temporarily affect availability.

Preservation and Continuity

Hosted content will be managed in accordance with the Preservation & Archiving Policy.

If a journal ceases publication, its published content will continue to be preserved and remain accessible, subject to legal or ethical constraints.

Links to External Sites

The Site may link to third-party websites. The Site has no control over external resources and accepts no responsibility for them.

Disclaimers and Limitation of Liability

To the fullest extent permitted by law:

- the Site excludes all express or implied warranties relating to the Site or its content;
- the Site is not liable for inaccuracies, editorial decisions, or any loss arising from use of the Site or reliance on content;
- the Site is not responsible for loss of business, revenue, goodwill, data, or indirect or consequential damages.

Nothing in these Terms limits or excludes liability for:

- death or personal injury caused by negligence,
- fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation, or
- any liability that cannot be excluded under English law.

Changes to These Terms

These Terms may be updated periodically.
Continued use of the platform indicates acceptance of the latest version.

Related Policies

These Terms refer to the following policies, which also apply to use of the Site:

- Privacy Policy
- Cookies Policy
- Accessibility Statement
- DOI Policy
- Preservation & Archiving Policy
- Notice & Takedown Policy

Governing Law and Jurisdiction

These Terms, their subject matter, and their formation are governed by English law.
The courts of England and Wales have non-exclusive jurisdiction.