

eBU: Online Journal – immediate publication and open peer review

Bournemouth University is proud to launch *eBU* as its new working paper journal aimed at staff and students. *eBU* will provide both an internal and external forum for the development of research papers around the eight BU research themes:

Creative & Digital Economies

Culture & Society

Entrepreneurship & Economic Growth

Environmental Change & Biodiversity

Green Economy & Sustainability

Health, Wellbeing & Ageing

Leisure & Recreation

Technology & Design

Why submit to *eBU*?

eBU aims to publish high quality internally peer reviewed research from the BU research community and is primarily concerned with being a developmental tool that facilitates pathways to external publication in peer reviewed journals. *eBU* will involve immediate publication and open peer review (within 3-4 weeks) on the internal *eBU* website.

The working paper journal is in two parts; the first part is restricted to the BU academic community where authors can receive reviews on papers they are developing; the second part is open to all, where papers, subject to the authors consent, will be published externally. In the majority of cases it is envisaged that papers will progress from the internal working paper journal (*eBU*) to submission in an externally recognised journal.

Consequently *eBU* has two core functions. First, to provide a supportive environment in which to publish, perhaps for the first time, and gain critical but supportive feedback allowing the work to be enhanced prior to submission to an external publication. Its second function is to publish work externally that authors do not wish to place elsewhere. In both contexts, *eBU* will involve immediate publication and open peer review (within 3-4 weeks) on the internal *eBU* website.

eBU is particularly interested in high quality contributions from undergraduates, postgraduates and early career scholars, but is also open to all staff.

Notes for contributors

The prescribed format is extremely flexible to cater for a range of academic disciplines and intended publishing destinations and for this reason there are two routes for contributors.

Route 1

If you intend to submit externally (and not publish externally on *eBU*) you should follow the author and submission guidelines for your target journal. Illustrations, tables and figures should be appended at the end of the manuscript with an indication of where an author might like these placed in the article. Only one document should be submitted: either in word or PDF format. The intended journal destination should be clearly stated on the title sheet of the submission. A copy of the particular external journal author instructions should be submitted alongside the manuscript, for the Editorial team's reference. This should include the scope of the intended journal.

Route 2

Those submitting for final publication within *eBU* or those which do not have an identified target journal should adhere to the following instructions when submitting:

1. All submissions should be submitted as a single document in either Word or PDF format. The document should start with the title of the work, the author(s) and their affiliations to be followed by an Abstract and the body text, references. Please note that figures and tables should be placed within the text, and not at the end of the manuscript.
2. Please assume that readers are non-experts, and structure and compose submissions accordingly. Keep jargon and specialist terms to a minimum, or if used should be explained adequately.
3. Abstracts are required at the beginning of your submission to provide a concise summary of the submission. Abstracts for all submissions should be no longer than 150 words.
4. *eBU* imposes no strict guidelines about the specific structure of a submission – rather you should structure your submission appropriately to suit the discipline or theme in which it sits.
5. Shorter, topical and commentary pieces should be a maximum of 4,000 words including notes, and references.
6. Articles that present empirical and/or theoretical research should be a maximum of 8,000 words including notes, and references.
7. Present illustrations and figures as they should sit in the text. Illustrations and figures should NOT be presented at the end of the manuscript.
8. The typescript should be Arial size 11, and be set to line spacing of 1.5 with 4cm margins. Submissions with basic spelling and/or grammatical mistakes will be referred back to the author.
9. For citing and referencing use the BU Harvard-style system. More information on how to use the Harvard-style system can be found [here](#). The reference list should be

alphabetically ordered. Endnotes are acceptable, but should be kept to a reasonable number. Footnotes are not acceptable.

Manuscript submission

1. Submissions from Undergraduate and Postgraduate taught students should be of high quality and be sponsored by an academic member of staff. In these instances, when a student submits to eBU, it is expected that an email of support will be sent by an appropriate member of staff to eBU@bournemouth.ac.uk .
2. Papers submitted by postgraduate research students and academics (including early career scholars) will be submitted independently.
3. Alongside submitting to the eBU site, students should email a covering letter detailing your name, details of enrolment, which Fusion theme(s) the submission aligns with and word count to eBU@bournemouth.ac.uk.

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All academics are encouraged to apply to join the board. Terms of office are normally a maximum of three years. It is envisaged that the board will not exceed 12 people at any one time.