



## CRNEUR Author Guidance & Tips

**Important checks before submission.** Note that the CRNEUR process may be different from other journals ([editorial introduction to CRNEUR](#)). Here is a helpful guide from our editors.

- **Check that your submission fits the article type being submitted:** We have a [number of article types](#) that are evaluated by editors/reviewers differently. So please check that you have selected the correct article submission type or ask the CRNEUR team for guidance.
- **Does the paper have a high enough English Language basis?** Reviewers and editors are being instructed to avoid editing papers. Thus a paper can be rejected if the language is judged not to be of sufficiently high quality. You might want to consider having your paper checked by an English Language Editing service. Please contact the CRNEUR team if you need more information: [crneur@elsevier.com](mailto:crneur@elsevier.com).
- **We use text similarity checking software:** We will reject papers that have duplicate text from other sources. Please ensure that your submission text is original and that there is no duplicate text (sentences/phrases) with other sources, including your or other prior papers.
- **Clear ethics statement?** It is important to ensure a clear ethics statement for human and/or animal research, if relevant. This should include information on the ethical approval process and regulatory body overseeing the work. See the [Author Checklist](#) required for submission.
- **Clear data/code sharing statement and availability?** It is important to ensure that a clear data and code sharing statement is present in your paper with links to the code and data to replicate the results, or why this is not possible or relevant. Editors and reviewers will be checking and ensuring that data/code are accessible. A paper could be rejected if reviewers cannot access the data/code. If the submitting authors are concerned about sharing data/code prior to acceptance for publication, we encourage them to first submit their paper to a pre-print service of their choice and to make the data/code available so that they can get credit for their research and code/data.
- **Follow scientific recommendations for transparency and rigour in reporting** e.g., required Author Checklist, revised ARRIVE principles for reporting animal research studies.

### What do I need in my cover letter?

- **Length:** Try to keep the cover letter to within 1.5 pages.
- **Novelty and potential impact need to be clear and accurate:** The cover letter needs to clearly convey the scientific advance of the paper, novelty and potential impact.

- **Scientific advance needs to be accurate and explicit:** Please ensure there is a clear neurobiological advance/relevance. Even a Tool, Methods, Resource or Metadata paper needs to be scientifically rigorous and the relevance for the neuroscientific community clear in the cover letter and manuscript.

**What to expect during the review process?** Please see the [CRNEUR Peer Review Guidance AND Author Checklist document](#), which needs to be completed and uploaded as part of your submission.

### **Upon paper acceptance**

- **Promoting your paper:** To help promote your paper, we encourage you to have a clear graphical abstract figure and mini-press release statement. Feel free to use Twitter and Facebook, tagging #CRNEUR for us to help to promote your paper.
- **Living papers:** We encourage you to implement data visualization tools. Follow up on data being shared and ensure the data continue to be available, can grow and be updated as a resource, if relevant. Please contact the CRNEUR team for more details.
- **Editorial survey:** Please take [our survey](#) at any point in this process to provide feedback on CRNEUR innovations and to guide future improvements.

### **Diversity and inclusion efforts**

- **Demographic information:** For the purposes of promoting researchers at any stage of their careers and for diversity and inclusion please do provide this information on yourselves and your co-authors in the author information section during submission.
- **Author Q&A and diversity statements:** To recognize the diversity of our authors we are working on a standard diversity statement that would be included with your paper. We also have Author Q&As to help tell the story behind the team and science.

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