

The Review Process

We provide this timeline describing the review process we follow with the Journal of Education, Innovation and Communication (JEICOM), so that the authors, the readers and the reviewers understand and benefit from the process. JEICOM follows a double peer review process. There are also cases that a third reviewer (external or internal), is contacted to review a paper, in case that the editors find it necessary for the benefit of the journal, the author(s) and the readers. Decisions on which articles to publish by JEICOM are solely based on the papers academic quality and their suitability for the journals readers.

JEICOM believes that both sides benefit from this process as peer-reviewers improve their subject knowledge and get experience and the authors get an objective view of their paper to improve.

The editors, the members of the editorial board and/or any other reviewers should withdraw in case of interest conflict concerning the author/s, or the content of the paper to be evaluated. Finally, in case that a paper is desk rejected, editors are not obliged to provide comments to the author/s, although they always try to do so since it is in the principle of JEICOM and COMinG to help researchers ameliorate and go further.

Double peer review process timeline of JEICOM

Phases		Needed time
Phase 1	The paper is received and the editors examine its relevance to the ethos and scope of the journal and whether it meets the basic requirements (proper English; introduction with the aim, the scope and the research question)	2 weeks
Phase 2	The editors decide whether the paper will go out for peer-review or not. If the paper is deemed not ready for review editors can provide advice and recommendations to the author if they desire to resubmit for peer-review at the next round and when they are ready.	2 weeks
Phase 3	The paper is sent out for peer review to two different reviewers (double blind review). Reviewers need to complete all comments and changes on the peer -review form and not annotate anything on the paper.	1-2 months (depends on the reviewers availability and time)
Phase 4	In case of an inconclusive result, a third blind reviewer might be contacted from the editorial board or an independent one depending on expertise on the topic.	1-2 months (depends on the reviewers availability and time)
Phase 5	Editors check the reviews and send it to the authors.	2-4 weeks
Phase 6	Authors are requested to revise their papers, and submit a revised version addressing the reviewers' comments.	Depends on the Author's availability and time and the deadlines for the publication
Phase 7	The revised paper is send back to the reviewers, before the final decision to accept or reject is made.	2-4 weeks
Phase 8	The decision is communicated to the author.	1 day -1 week
Phase 9	In case a paper is accepted and there are any additional comments of the reviewers or the editors, the author (s) is/are asked to address them on the paper with a given deadline.	Depends on the Author's availability and time and the deadlines for the publication
Phase 10	The editors read the paper again and might make some modifications, always informing and working with the author.	1-4 weeks
Phase 11	The publication team deals with the DOI demands, the final formatting of the papers, the announcement on the journals official site, the promotion of the research paper.	1-4 weeks
Total time for the process before a paper gets published.		7 – 12 months
Total time of publication		Depends on the above and the journals publication agenda