

Referrals

A paper may not be appropriate for the current journal it is submitted to but well suited to another journal in our collection. In these cases, a referral may be the best decision or recommendation option. Reasons for making a referral decision include if:

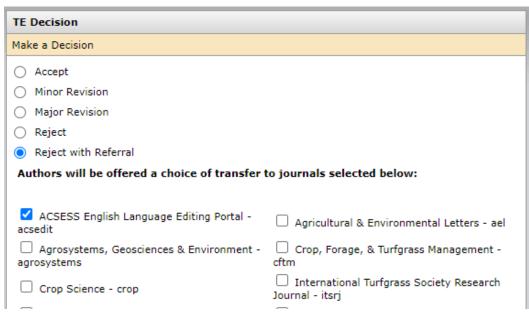
- The paper lies outside the journal's scope or is better suited to another journal
- The paper does not meet the journal's requirements for length, geography, or time
- The paper is submitted to the wrong journal or special section by mistake.
- The paper requires English language editing before it is ready for peer review

The Societies offer transfers between all journals within our collection.

English Language Editing Service (ELES) Referral Decisions

Transfers for the ELES should be used if a paper is unsuitable for review due to language issues. The service offers two tiers based on what level of editing is required. For more information, please see our Language and Writing Help page.

Decisions related to the use of the ELES should be made before a paper enters peer review, either at the editor or technical editor (TE) level. To complete an ELES transfer, please go to the editor or technical editor immediate decision tab. Choose the "Reject with Referral" option and then choose the ACSESS English Language Editing Portal-acsedit from the checkbox options. Fill out any other required fields as necessary including your decision comments and then hit "commit decision." This will open the decision letter.



Journal-to-Journal Referral Decisions

Transfers to other journals may be made at any point in the review process, though they are typically made earlier in the decision process.

To transfer to a journal, please choose the "Reject with Referral" option when making your decision. Choose any appropriate journal(s) from the checkbox options, fill in all other required including any decision comments, and then hit "Commit Decision." This will open the decision letter.

When a paper is transferred to a new journal, the paper, the decision letter, and reviews from the original submission will all be transferred. Most author supplied information will also transfer, though additional information and questions may be required from the author before the transfer can be completed. Full transfer instructions will be supplied to the author via email.

TE Decision	
Make a Decision	
Accept	
O Minor Revision	
O Major Revision	
O Reject	
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Authors will be offered a choice of transfer to journals selected below:	
ACSESS English Language Editing Portal - acsedit	Agricultural & Environmental Letters - ael
Agrosystems, Geosciences & Environment - agrosystems	□ Crop, Forage, & Turfgrass Management - cftm
Crop Science - crop	 International Turfgrass Society Research Journal - itsrj
Journal of Environmental Quality - jeq	Natural Sciences Education - nse
The Plant Genome - plantgenome	Journal of Plant Registrations - plantreg
Soil Science Society of America Journal - sssaj	The Plant Phenome Journal - tppj
Urban Agriculture & Regional Food Systems - urbanag	Vadose Zone Journal - vzj
Decision Comments:	
🖾 Create Draft E-Mail	Save 🧭 Commit Decision

Referral Recommendations (AEs, JEQ TEs)

If you are making a referral recommendation, choose reject with transfer from the listed options. A checkbox list will not show up with options for referrals. Instead simply list the journal(s) you think would be appropriate for referral, add your comments, and make your recommendation.