



Gulf Research Centre Cambridge  
Knowledge for All

## Publication Guidelines

The Gulf Research Meeting aims to publish as many of the papers presented in the workshop as possible. To increase the likelihood of publication, each workshop should include from the outset a clear plan of how to ensure attracting quality publishable papers and specific ideas for potential publication outlets. Edited volumes and special journal editions are considered acceptable.

Within the context of the selection and running of each workshop, publication-related issues include:

- Inclusion of a Publication Plan section in the initial workshop proposal
- Careful selection of paper presenters and paper topics along with criteria that match outlined publication plans.
- The publication process must be kept in mind during the selection of proposed paper topics.
- Specific targeting and inclusion of paper authors that would fit publication plans.
- Regular contact with the selected paper writers throughout the writing stages. Papers to be presented at the GRM must be solid drafts of near-publishable quality.

### Papers submission stages

**Draft papers for the Gulf Research Meeting 2023 are due by May 31, 2023.** There will no exceptions to this deadline. Paper writers who do not submit an acceptable quality paper will not be allowed to participate in their workshops. Workshop Directors are encouraged to only select those paper proposals where they feel confident that the author(s) will meet the submission deadline.

Draft papers have to be complete and include all necessary sections within the expected paper length (6500 words). Comments, ideas, and suggestions provided during the workshop discussions on July 12 and 13, 2023 can and should be incorporated into the final versions of the papers. **The final versions of the papers are due by August 31, 2023.** Again, there will be no extension to this deadline.

Workshop Directors should clarify publication plans throughout the period before the Gulf Research Meeting. Further, Workshop Directors should be in constant and close contact with their paper presenters to ensure that there are no issues of delay in the writing process. During the workshop deliberations, a separate time should be set aside to discuss the publication plan and relevant options.

### Publisher choice

In terms of choice of publisher, there are various options:

Identifying Publishers/Journals: We encourage you to approach potential journals/publishers of your choice for publication of an edited volume/special journal issue as soon as your workshop proposal is accepted. An initial description of your publication plans must be included in the initial workshop proposal. Throughout

the process, we ask that the Gulf Research Center Cambridge (GRCC) be kept informed of your plans. GRCC has to be involved with the publisher from the beginning to put together the publishing contract to ensure that copyright and other issues are properly handled in the publishing contract. The issues normally addressed from the GRCC side during this contracting process include: ensuring that the edited volume copyright remains with GRCC; ensuring that GRM and GRCC are properly acknowledged in the volume/journal; ensuring that GRCC receives a few free copies of the volume; and ensuring that GRCC is kept informed on the volume's distribution.

If you need some support in finding a publisher, do let us know as soon as possible. Please note that publishers tend to require a proposal to be submitted to them before confirming any publication plans. In some cases, GRCC can offer to publish edited volumes based on specific workshops. This is the case for example when external publishers do not agree to publish a volume that does not have enough chapters or with a very specific topic. Individual paper publication will only be considered if a specific paper does not fit into the theme of a specific volume or if there are other issues from the publisher which prevent inclusion.