



Eighteenth-Century Fiction

Submission Guidelines for Authors

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Subject Matter and Scope

Recognizing the fluid notions of fiction within the period, as well as the growing body of interdisciplinary work by scholars in the field, the [Eighteenth-Century Fiction \(ECF\)](#) editors seek submissions that conceive of "fiction" in its broader sense and expand the frameworks of critical, historical, and theoretical discussion. While its languages of publication are English and French, the journal publishes articles that cover all geographical territories.

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After you submit your article, it will be evaluated. Based on this evaluation, you will receive one of the following responses: accepted (normally with only minor revisions required), rejected, or returned for further revisions (revise & resubmit).

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Additional Elements for Submission

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Abstract, Keywords, and Contributor's Note

Abstract

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Keywords

Following your abstract, include a list of at least 5 keywords or phrases that will enhance the discoverability of your article online.

Contributor's Note

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