

## 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.

**TE Decision**

Make a Decision

Accept

Minor Revision

Major Revision

Reject

**Reject with Referral**

**Authors will be offered a choice of transfer to journals selected below:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACSESS English Language Editing Portal - acsedit	<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural & Environmental Letters - ael
<input type="checkbox"/> Agrosystems, Geosciences & Environment - agrosystems	<input type="checkbox"/> Crop, Forage, & Turfgrass Management - cftm
<input type="checkbox"/> Crop Science - crop	<input type="checkbox"/> International Turfgrass Society Research Journal - itsrj

### 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  
 Minor Revision  
 Major Revision  
 Reject  
 **Reject with Referral**

**Authors will be offered a choice of transfer to journals selected below:**

<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESS English Language Editing Portal - acsedit <input type="checkbox"/> Agrosystems, Geosciences & Environment - agrosystems <input type="checkbox"/> Crop Science - crop <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Journal of Environmental Quality - jeq</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The Plant Genome - plantgenome <input type="checkbox"/> Soil Science Society of America Journal - sssaj <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Agriculture & Regional Food Systems - urbanag	<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural & Environmental Letters - ael <input type="checkbox"/> Crop, Forage, & Turfgrass Management - cftm <input type="checkbox"/> International Turfgrass Society Research Journal - itsrj <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Sciences Education - nse <input type="checkbox"/> Journal of Plant Registrations - plantreg <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>The Plant Phenome Journal - tppj</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Vadose Zone Journal - vzt
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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.

[Agronomy Journal](#) | [Crop Science](#) | [Soil Science Society of America Journal](#)  
[Agriculture & Environmental Letters](#) | [Agrosystems, Geosciences & Environment](#) | [The Plant Genome](#) | [The Plant Phenome Journal](#)  
[Urban Agriculture & Regional Food Systems](#) | [Vadose Zone Journal](#) | [Crop, Forage & Turfgrass Management](#)  
[Journal of Environmental Quality](#) | [Journal of Plant Registrations](#) | [Natural Sciences Education](#)