FastTrack for Authors
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Today, we’ll cover:

- What FastTrack is
- Why we use FastTrack
- Who has roles in FastTrack
- How to submit a manuscript and the additional files needed to publish it
What is FastTrack?
FastTrack

**FastTrack** is an automated, web-based manuscript management and tracking system. It facilitates double-blind reviews, allows authors to track the status of their submissions, and streamlines the administrative and peer review process.

- Express Academic Services
Why do we use FastTrack?

FastTrack allows Extension Publishing to:

- **Organize** manuscript submissions and peer review
- **Manage** the peer review process
- **Facilitate** double-blind peer review
- **Archive** files associated with published manuscripts
Who has roles in FastTrack?

There are a few roles in FastTrack, including:

- **Manager** — Lagene Taylor, Publishing Coordinator
- **Reviewer** — Faculty and technical experts
- **“Editor”** — Program directors
- **Author** — YOU!
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**Abstract:** Extension publications authors often run into problems when trying to submit a manuscript to be published. FastTrack, an automated, web-based manuscript management system, is meant to streamline the publications process, but it can take some time to become familiar with the system. This publication intends to teach authors with a manuscript how to submit it, and associated files, in FastTrack.

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