## Reviewer Selection Summary Redesign FAQs

As part of our new UI/UX initiative, Aries Systems will be releasing design enhancements to the Reviewer Selection Summary page within Editorial Manager® (EM). For more information on this project, refer to our <u>UI/UX Redesign Initiative FAQs.</u>

Please consult your Aries Account Coordinator (AC) if you have additional questions.

# Q: What benefits can users expect with the new Reviewer Selection Summary page design?

**A:** The redesigned Reviewer Selection Summary page within Editorial Manager includes both user interface (UI) and user experience (UX) updates. Enhancements included in the redesign offer a modernized, simplified, and intuitive experience that results in streamlined workflow and quicker turnaround times for Editors during the Reviewer Invitation process.

#### Q: When will the redesigned Reviewer Selection Summary page be released?

**A:** The updated Reviewer Selection Summary page will be automatically applied to all EM sites with the February 2023 (23.02) release on Wednesday, February 22.

### Q: What changes are introduced with the new design?

*A*: In addition to a more modern look, the new design includes enhancements to the usability of some of the Reviewer Selection Summary page's functions. The Reviewer Search section has transitioned from drop-down menus and radio buttons to a convenient tab-style design to streamline candidate search across available sources. Also, the search criteria fields are now housed on the main Reviewer Selection Summary under each source tab. Additionally, links within in the Invite Reviewers Menu on the left-hand side panel now appear consistently as a pop-up window overlay when selected. Within the Reviewer Status table, new handy color-coded indicators display for completed, accepted, invited, or declined Reviewer assignments. Editors can now send Reviewer reminders directly from the Reviewer Selection Summary page through the addition of a new "Send Reminder" button within the Reviewer Status table. Lastly, the page has been rebuilt to accommodate responsive design standards. Together, these enhancements help reduce the number of user clicks and improve the aesthetics, making the Reviewer Selection Summary page more user-friendly.



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# Q: How can Editors search for Reviewers across different search types within the new design?

**A:** Rather than selecting Reviewer source types through drop-down menus and radio buttons, the new Reviewer Selection Summary design allows Editors to search across the available source types in separate tabs in the Search Type section. Additionally, the search criteria fields have been added to the Reviewer Selection Summary page under each source tab for more direct filtering for the selected search type. These enhancements allow Editors to easily toggle between sources and filter Reviewer candidate searches more quickly.



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#### Q: If the search criteria fields now appear on the Reviewer Selection Summary page, but also exists on the Reviewer Search Results page, does that mean the Editor is required to enter criteria twice?

**A:** No, the Editor will only need to enter search criterion once, whether on the new Reviewer Selection Summary page or on the existing Reviewer Search Results page.

As the Editor clicks the "Search" button on the Reviewer Selection Summary page, they are directed to the existing Reviewer Search Results page. If the Editor enters search criterion on the new Reviewer Selection Summary page under the desired search type tab, it will automatically pre-populate\* within the existing search fields on the Reviewer Search Results page and pull the results for the Reviewer Candidate list.

\*Note: The search criteria pre-population is a temporary feature, as future design enhancements to the Reviewer invitation workflow will eventually consolidate the criteria/filter fields across the two pages for an even simpler search experience. Please stay tuned for more details on forthcoming designs!

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#### Q: How have the links within the Invite Reviewers Menu changed?

**A:** All the existing links and settings within the Invite Reviewers Menu on the left-hand side panel are maintained within the design. Historically, links within this menu would open in a variety of formats, including navigating to a new page, in an entire new tab on the browser, or as a pop-up window overlay. In the Reviewer Selection Summary page redesign, all links within this menu now open in a consistent manner – as a pop-up window overlay on the existing screen.

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#### Q: How do the new color-coded indicators support Editors?

**A:** Following Reviewer invitation, helpful color-coded indicators will appear within the Reviewer Status table/grid next to each Reviewer's name. The yellow dot indicates the Reviewer has been invited, but has not yet responded to the invitation. The red dot indicates the Reviewer has declined the invitation, whereas the blue dot indicates the Reviewer has accepted. The green dot indicated the Reviewer has completed their assignment. These handy visual aids help Editors and editorial staff to quickly access the status of their Reviewer invitations and assignments for a particular submission.

#### Q: Why did Aries choose these specific design elements?

**A:** The newer color palette, typefaces, and spacing have been used in recent UI/UX updates introduced and will continue to be used for forthcoming interface designs, setting the stage for the future look of EM and PM and allowing for a consistent experience throughout the system. These design elements have been carefully selected by Aries and will allow us to better adhere to rigorous accessibility and design standards as the EM/PM UI/UX initiative progresses.



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# Q: What about the other pages within the Reviewer invitation workflow? Will those areas of the system be updated?

**A:** Although not included in this update, Aries will revisit the other existing pages within the Reviewer invitation workflow as part of our comprehensive UI/UX initiative for EM and PM. As the project progresses, Aries will notify users of future enhancements to other areas of the system as they become available.

#### Q: Is the new Reviewer Selection Summary page compatible on different devices?

**A:** While not compatible with responsive design for use on mobile devices, the new Reviewer Selection Summary page will accommodate many different screen sizes for a slightly condensed desktop view.

#### Q: What support resources will be made available and where can users find them?

**A:** Helpful resources to prepare and support our customers for UI/UX design transitions, including Release Notes documentation, FAQ sheets, and more, are accessible from the <u>Resources page</u> on the Aries website. Please contact your Aries Account Coordinator for additional support.



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