What is a Cambridge Prism?
Cambridge Prisms are fully Open Access journals that map out and build connections in cross-disciplinary subject areas to address real-world problems. Crucially, we are launching high quality, high impact titles in dynamic and expanding subject areas that capture the fast-paced evolution of scientific research in the 21st century.

What format will they take?
Primary research content will form the bulk of content following the publication of a layer of authoritative commissioned review content that clearly establishes the topic map for each journal. A set of initial reviews will be published at launch with further reviews published throughout the course of the first 18 months to further populate the subject map. These reviews will be updated as the fields evolve. The journals open to primary research content at launch.

Why are they called Cambridge Prisms?
Prisms is an apt metaphor to describe the series – our aim is to explore the tension between separate strands of disciplinary scholarship and their relevance and resonance in a wider, interdisciplinary setting.

What is the scope/purpose/vision/USP?
Our vision is for Cambridge to work with individual research communities to define and establish fields that are cross-cutting, to inform and drive discourse in those subjects - to accelerate discovery and progress research.

How many Prisms are we going to launch in the series?
An initial series of 12 titles will launch between 2023 and 2025.

Will articles in these titles be published Open Access?
The titles will be published Gold OA with a CC-BY license. Articles will be subject to open peer review, have open data mandates and follow open standard practices. At Cambridge, we see open research as a fundamental step in our mission to advance learning, research and knowledge worldwide.

Who do I contact if I have an idea for a journal for the Prisms series?
Contact prisms@cambridge.org
How do I submit a Research Article?
Individual titles have their own submission sites. The submission system used is ScholarOne. Note that these systems will not open to Research Articles until September 2022 (authors of commissioned articles will be able to submit before this time point).

What format/structure should I use for my article?
All journals in the series follow the same article type and structure, however individual Instructions for Authors can be found under each journal.

Can I submit a Review?
Reviews are commissioned by the editorial team according to the structure of the overall topic map. However, you are free to contact the editorial office of individual titles to discuss any potential ideas with the Editorial Board. Please note that unsolicited reviews will not be sent to peer review.

Can I submit a Perspective?
Perspectives can be commissioned, but we also welcome unsolicited submissions. The decision to progress to peer review lies with the editorial board on whether the article is suitable, adds value, and falls within the scope of the title.

How much is the APC?
APCs are currently waived.