

The review process of QMSM:

After the paper is received by the QMSM office, it will go through the following steps:

- 1) The Executive editor will review the paper and assign the paper to one of the EICs (Editors in-Chief) based on the keywords of the paper.
- 2) The EIC handling the paper will make an initial screening and determine whether it should be sent to an Associate Editor (AE). If the EIC feels that (i) the paper's research domain falls within the scope of the journal's editorial mission; and (ii) the paper has the potential to make a sufficient contribution to the areas of QMSM, then the EIC will either send the paper to an AE or handle the paper as an AE. If the EIC decides not to assign the paper to an AE, then the EIC will send the corresponding author a decision.
- 3) If the paper is sent to an AE, the AE will also make an initial screening for fit and contribution and decide whether further review is warranted. If not, the AE will write a report to the EIC handling the paper explaining the reason for not reviewing the paper, and the EIC will make a decision.
- 4) If the AE sends the paper out for review, the AE will collect the reviews and write a recommendation to the EIC.
- 5) The EIC will make a final decision on the paper and send the corresponding author the decision along with a set of all reports received.