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**Publishing, Partnership and Innovation: the  
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## Can we host our journal on the UCD Institutional Repository?

Resources:

- Editorial board
- International advisory board
- Peer review workflow
- Body of content
- Limited funding



# Service model: UCD Library Research Services

- Research Repository UCD
- UCD Digital Library
- Irish Social Science Data Archive (ISSDA)
- Research data services
- GIS and maps services
- Bibliometrics, citation analysis and systematic reviews



# Platforms

- Locally hosted
  - Institutional Repository
  - Open Journal Systems (OJS), by the Public Knowledge Project (PKP)
- Externally hosted
  - Berkeley Electronic Press (bepress)
  - University of Michigan MPublishing



# Other considerations, 1

- Hosting fee (once off, annual)
- Location of host
  - ISSN
  - Legal deposit
- The journal's URL
- Style and typesetting
- Printing
  - Availability of print runs
  - Print CSS

<http://gsfjournal.org>  
ISSN: 2168-8850



# Other considerations, 2

- Copyright
  - Author, journal or publisher
  - Copyright transfer agreement (legal document)
  - Creative Commons licenses
- Directory of Open Access Journals
  - OAI-PMH harvester allows article level searching

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# Outcomes

- International peer-reviewed journal based at UCD
- Hosted Open Access journal platform, one time fee
- Lasting in depth involvement between academic faculty and Library



The screenshot shows the website for the journal 'Gender, Sexuality & Feminism'. At the top, there is a purple header with the journal title and a circular logo. Below the header, there are navigation links: 'Home', 'About', 'Submissions', and 'Editors'. A section titled 'Advisors' contains a paragraph describing the journal as an international open-access, online, scholarly, peer-reviewed, interdisciplinary journal publishing theoretically innovative and methodologically diverse research in the fields of gender studies, masculinities, sexualities and feminism. Below this, there is a paragraph about the journal's broad and encompassing conception of theory and method, and a list of areas it encourages submissions in: power systems, resistance to liberation movements, stigma and discrimination, differential access to resources, and diversity and LGBT issues. A 'Read more...' link is provided. A 'Call For Papers' section invites submissions for articles, stating that all articles will be preceded by an abstract (150-200 words), five keywords, and a contributor biography (150-200 words). The word length is 6,000-8,000 words. Articles should be submitted as word.doc files to the Editors at [gfs@ucd.ie](mailto:gfs@ucd.ie). A link to a detailed 'GSF style-guide for authors' is also provided. At the bottom, there is a 'TOP OF PAGE' link and a footer containing the text: 'Hosted by MPublishing, a division of the University of Michigan Library. For more information please contact [mpub-help@umich.edu](mailto:mpub-help@umich.edu). Online ISSN: 2168-8850'. The MPublishing logo is also present in the bottom right corner.

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