

## Interface Submission Policy

### General Information

*Interface* is a multidisciplinary journal dedicated to the promotion and dissemination of student research at Harvey Mudd College. In keeping with the college's broad educational objective, *Interface* recognizes outstanding student achievement in science, engineering, mathematics, the humanities and social sciences, and especially the intersections of these domains.

*Interface* welcomes print-worthy submissions of all kinds, such as technical papers, expository articles, poems, or photographs, that are the result of original work completed by undergraduate students. Although submissions that cross traditional disciplinary boundaries are preferable to those that do not, the latter are desired to make each issue of *Interface* truly multidisciplinary.

Because of the wide distribution of *Interface*, authors of technical papers should clearly explain the context, applications, and/or origins of their work in an introductory section (which serves a different purpose from an abstract). Authors should target their writing to a science- and math-savvy audience with an understanding of the core curriculum at Harvey Mudd. For instance, a well-written submission to *Interface* would provide a definition for electron cryo-microscopy, but not necessarily a definition for an electron.

In most cases, publication in *Interface* does not preclude authors from publishing their work in other venues, since *Interface* does not retain copyright of its contents. However, a few scholarly journals (for example, *Science*) do not accept papers that have appeared in another publication. Authors considering republication in another journal should check the submission policy for that journal.

### Manuscript Preparation

- All technical submissions should have an abstract that summarizes the work in a few sentences.
- Manuscripts should be double-spaced and left-justified.
- All symbols and notations, including those that appear in figures, should be defined.
- Displayed equations do not require numbering unless they are specifically referred to in the manuscript. However, figures and tables should be numbered and given captions, when appropriate.
- Authors should use a citation style that is appropriate for the discipline(s) represented by the manuscript. Refer to the citation styles of the journals or publications in which the manuscript could appear.

### Instructions for Electronic Submission

- All submissions should be sent electronically to [interface@hmc.edu](mailto:interface@hmc.edu).
- Word, WordPerfect, TeX/LaTeX and plain-text documents are accepted. *Interface* is typeset using LaTeX, so manuscripts that are prepared using LaTeX using BiBTeX files are preferred.
- All figures and graphs should be included with the submission, as separate files. Please indicate where figures and graphs should be placed in the manuscript.
- Vector graphic formats, such as EPS (Encapsulated Postscript), are preferred over raster formats, such as TIFF, PNG, or GIF. If raster art is unavoidable, high-resolution (at least 300 dpi) images should be submitted. TIFF, PNG, or GIF files are preferred over JPEG files as they use lossless compression. Color art is acceptable. *Interface* production staff members can assist with the digitizing of artwork.