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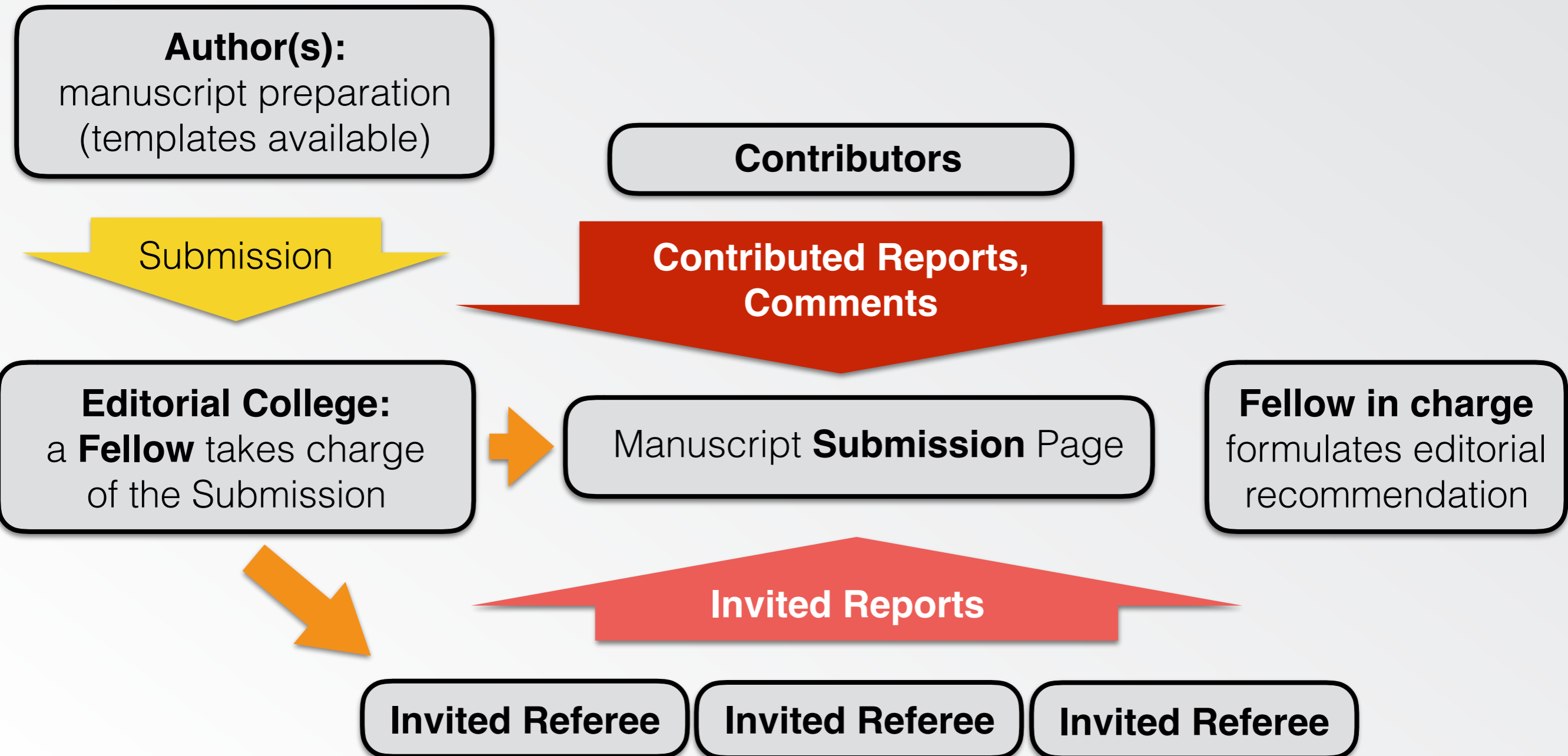
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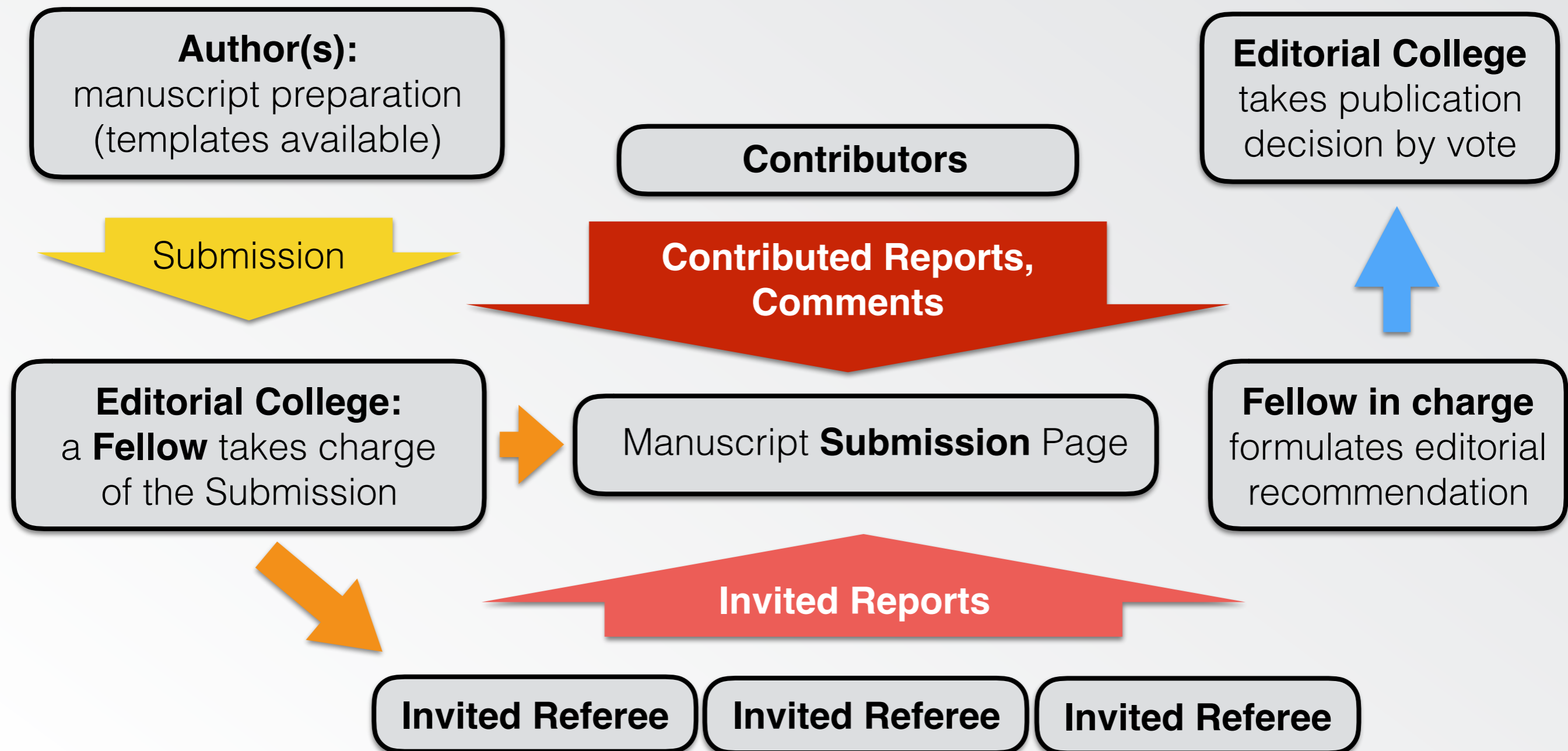
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**2016** (start publishing Sept.):

**Nr submissions: 33**  
**(including resubs: 62)**

**Assignment failed: 1**  
**Published: 29**  
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**2017** (up to 14 Sept.):

**Nr submissions: 69**  
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**2016:**

**Nr invitations: 165**

**Nr accepted: 84** (51%)

**Nr declined: 17** (10%)

**Nr pending: 64** (39%)

**Nr reports obtained: 76**

**... invited: 75** (99%)

**... contributed: 1** (1%)

**2017** (up to 14 Sept.):

**Nr invitations: 339**

**Nr accepted: 180** (53%)

**Nr declined: 57** (17%)

**Nr pending: 102** (30%)

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