

Training on Publishing

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PUBLISHING

Academic

- Books
- Book Chapters
- **Journal articles**
- Conference proceedings
- Systematic Reviews
- Policy briefs
- Handbooks
- Patents e.t.c
- **Publishers:-** Scientific societies; Orgns; Professional Associations & Commercial publishers

None Academic

- Magazines
- Newspapers
- Newsletters

Publishers: Companies & Organizations

Our Emphasis today is on Journals

PUBLISHING IN JOURNALS

Types of journal article

- Original Research
- Review articles
- Short reports, Letters and Case studies

Methodologies

Where to start

- Start with your references
- Colleagues and mentors
- Open access databases
- Subscription databases

PUBLISHING IN HIGH IMPACT JOURNALS

- **High impact Journals** (criteria used to rate academic journals) **Sign of “Quality”?**
- A tool used to rank quality of Journals =(politics of impact factor)
- A terrible metric because to be ranked, a journal must belong to a particular database eg Web of Science **or** Elsevier
- Some journals do not have HIF but they are still the best journals in their field
- IP significantly vary between disciplines & even topics

CHOOSING WHERE TO PUBLISH

Journal finders/ Suggesters

- Use the CoFactor Journal Selector Tool
- The [Cofactor Journal Selector Tool](#) - (Both Commercial and Open Access Journals).
- Wiley
<https://journalfinder.wiley.com/search?type=match>
- Elsevier
<https://journalfinder.elsevier.com/>
- Springerlink
<https://journalsuggester.springer.com/>
- SCIMAGO (powered by Scopus)
<https://www.scimagojr.com/aboutus.php> - 34,100 titles;
27 thematic areas of research

CHOOSING WHERE TO PUBLISH

- **Pubmed**

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6300233/>

- Listed in SciMago (Both commercial and Open access) -

<https://www.scimagojr.com/journalrank.php>

2. Browse the Directory of Open Access Journals

The [DOAJ](#) - foremost trusted listing of over 9,482 registered open access journals.

- <https://www.edanzediting.com/journal-selector>

What to consider before submitting a manuscript

- Frequency of the publication

- Peer review process

- Copyright (gold, Green etc) Sherpa Romeo: C/R Policies

- <http://sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/index.php?la=en&fIDnum=|&mode=simple> -

PEER REVIEWING

- Single blind review
- Double blind review
- Open peer review
- Transparent peer review
- Transferable peer review
- Collaborative peer review

AVOID FAKE & PREDATORY JOURNALS

Beall's List of Predatory Journals & Publishers:

<https://beallslist.weebly.com/>

Fake journals

The journals that have **no real existence** and have a website to simply abuse the researchers

The fake journals that **impersonate the title of a well-known journal** and establish a fake website



CHARACTERISTICS OF FAKE/ PREDATORY/HIJACKED JOURNALS

- Short time to publish
- Ask for **submission** fee
- Editors are not credible authors
- Have a wide coverage of subjects in the title
- Vague websites
- 1 or 2 editors
- Emails ending with **.com** at the end
- Not registered with Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ)
- Not registered with Open Access Scholarly Publishers' Association (OASPA)
- Poor grammar

CHARACTERISTICS OF FAKE/ PREDATORY/HIJACKED JOURNALS

- Send spam mails to everyone soliciting for manuscript
- Accept articles without scrutiny
- Journals have titles similar to others
- Editors/review board members do not possess academic expertise
- No policies published in their website

Sample of Predatory Journal

- <https://www.longdom.org/archive/gjcmp-volume-5-issue-6-year-2016.html>
- <https://www.longdom.org/articles/effects-of-strategic-management-determinants-on-firm-performance-in-the-shipping-industry-in-kenya.pdf>

Hijacked Journals e.g

- <http://iiau.ac.ir/Files/1/News/Hijacked%20Journals%281%29.pdf>

STRICT INCLUSION CRITERIA FOR QUALITY JOURNALS

To stay safe, ensure the journals are included in either one of the following;

- DOAJ - <https://doaj.org/> (Open access)
- Listed in web of Science and World of Science –
- Listed in Thomson Reuters Journals Citation Report
- Listed in SciMago (Both commercial and Open access) <https://www.scimagojr.com/journalrank.php>

PUBLISHING COSTS

- Request a waiver! If you work in a country classified by the World Bank as [lower-middle income](#) country. You may be eligible for an automatic full or partial fee waiver at many open access journals.
- But it's important to note that researchers in *any* country can request a fee waiver if unable to pay.

OPEN PUBLISHING: COSTS

- Notable examples of open access databases / journals that may waive article processing fee:



Open Library of Humanities



**ROYAL SOCIETY
OPEN SCIENCE**

EXAMPLES OF PUBLISHER FEE WAIVER POLICIES (NON-EXHAUSTIVE LIST)

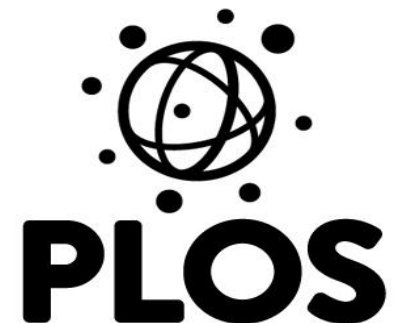
- BioMed Central's [Open access waiver fund](#)



- Hindawi's [waiver policy](#)



- PLOS's [Global Participation Initiative](https://plos.org/publish/fees/)
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WAIVER / DISCOUNTED ARTICLE PROCESSING CHARGES FOR RESEARCHERS IN KENYA

Kenya Libraries & Information Services Consortium in collaboration with EIFL has negotiated a number of agreements with publishers that secure waiver or discounted

Article Processing Charges (APCs) for researchers in Kenya.

- Link to negotiated agreements on this page:
<https://eifl.net/apcs>
- Link to the list of all eligible journals that one can publish in, giving details of the offer (waiver or discount) -
<https://eifl.net/country/kenya>
- Information is also found on the library website:
<https://uonlibrary.uonbi.ac.ke/> under “Waiver on Article Processing Charges for Researchers”

SO HOW CAN YOU GO ABOUT GETTING YOUR BOOK/CHAPTER PUBLISHED IN OPEN ACCESS? THERE ARE 3 MAIN AVENUES

1. University ePresses

- [Cambridge University Press](#) launched also Open Access Monograph Publishing Service in April 2015.
- [Lumnios Publishing](#) - program for monographs from the University of California Open Press.
- [MUP Open Monograph](#) is an initiative from Manchester University Press
- **Open Humanities Press** collaborates with the University of Michigan Library (MPublishing) - monographs, including [Living Books About Life](#) series.
- **Athabasca University Press** ([AU Press](#)) - by Canadian university.

2. Open access monograph publishers

Open Book Publishers - <https://www.openbookpublishers.com>

are aiming to become the primary hub for free online peer-reviewed research in the Humanities and Social Sciences.

Examples of publishers listed;

- **Ubiquity Press** - Makes all electronic formats of the monograph available online with a print on demand option - <https://www.ubiquitypress.com/>
- Directory of open access books - <http://www.doabooks.org/doab?func=forPublishers&uiLanguage=en>
- The National Academies Press in the US has made its monograph series [freely available on its website](#) since 1996 and also offers free downloads of whole volumes.
- **ScienceOpen**
- Open Access book publisher model being applied to text book publishing - **Bookboon** - <https://bookboon.com/>

COMMERCIAL PUBLISHERS OFFERING AN OPEN ACCESS OPTION

- **Palgrave Open** is a model proposed by [Palgrave Macmillan](#), one of the largest traditional publishers of monographs in the humanities and social sciences.
- Brill announced on 19 August 2013 they were extending [Brill Open](#), its Open Access model, to include books – monographs and edited volumes.
[SpringerOpen](#)
- [Pickering & Chatto](#)

HOW TO GET PUBLISHED REAL QUICK

- Identify the right journal
- Follow the journal's instructions
- Identify a journal with frequent publications
- Get a friend to give his comments/review your manuscript prior to sending it
- Don't send a manuscript to 2 publishing houses
- Test for quality (Plagiarism & citations)
- Collaborate with others
- Collaboration helps in networking and eases the burden of publishing
- Here below is the evidence

All the best

Q&A

