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 e.g., 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
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• 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/archive/gjcmp-volume-5-issue-6-year-2016.html)

Hijacked Journals e.g
• [http://iiau.ac.ir/Files/1/News/Hijacked%20Journals%281%29.pdf](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/](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](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](https://biomedcentral.com)

• Hindawi’s [waiver policy](https://hindawi.com)

• PLOS’s [Global Participation Initiative](https://plos.org/publish/fees/)
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/
- 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**
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