WHERE TO PUBLISH: Choosing a journal

University Library Researcher Training Series
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Introduction

1. Understand the available publication options
2. Discover resources that can assist with decision making.
3. Gain confidence in selecting where to publish
Why is where you publish so important?
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## Journal selection questions

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Publication Options

• Peer review
• Types of journals
• Open access
“... peer-review is a necessary component of quality control in science, but is no guarantee of quality ....”

HERDC and ERA require peer review as a minimum.
Which journals are peer reviewed?

UlrichsWeb

http://libguides.adelaide.edu.au/wheretopublish/journaldirectories
Types of journals

- Trans-disciplinary
- Regional
- Subject specific
- Letters
- JoVE and others
- Data
“The discovery [was] accepted for publication in the journal *Physical Review Letters*”
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Open Access

What is Open Access?
free, immediate, permanent, full-text, online

How do you make your work open access?

Green Open Access
Self-archive
(Make sure you retain the right to do so)

Gold Open Access
Publish in an open access journal.

Diamond Open Access
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Compliance

Funders

- NHMRC
- ARC

...and others require that the public who paid for the research should be able to freely read the publications from the research
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Tools

• Your bibliography
• Your colleagues
• UlrichsWeb
• Scopus
• Incites Journal Citation Reports
• Google Scholar metrics
• Other Databases
About Scopus

- Updated daily
- 60 million records
- 22,794 journals covered
- 120,000 books
  (mostly arts and social sciences)
- STEM, Social Sciences, Arts

Using tools to find potential journals
http://libguides.adelaide.edu.au/wheretopublish/journalsbysubject
Now it’s your turn
View the Where to Publish Guide for details of Other Databases that can provide a list of journals publishing articles on a particular search topic.

There are worked examples for searching Web of Science and EBSCOhost on the guide.

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Click on the Other databases tab
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Incites Journal Citation Reports (JCR)
Covers more than 11,000 journals including more than 3,000 top social sciences journals

There is a worked example on the Guide
http://libguides.adelaide.edu.au/wheretopublish/journalimpact

Click on the Incites Journal Citation Reports tab
Google Scholar metrics

Browse by Top 100 publications or broad subject area of interest

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Journal Quality

- **2018 ERA draft journals list**
  UofA password protected
  A list of journals eligible for ERA 2018 submissions

- **Lists of Arts Journals**
  Research Quality Indicator List – On the Faculty intranet

- **Lists of Business Journals**
Quantitative and Qualitative

**Scopus**
- **CiteScore** is a quantitative measure
- **SJR** is part quantitative and part qualitative

**Incites JCR** is quantitative

**Google Metrics** is quantitative
Acceptance/Rejection Rates

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Some journals proudly declare that they accept very few articles. Others are coy about how many they accept.

It can be tricky to find details. You can try looking at a particular journal’s web site.

See the Practicalities tab on the Where to Publish Resource Guide http://libguides.adelaide.edu.au/wheretopublish/practicalities
Servitizing climate science—Institutional analysis of climate services discourse and its implications

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Some Springer journals now list:
• Days from submission to first decision
• Days from acceptance to first online publication

Also includes other metrics such as:
• Journal impact factor
• SJR & SNIP
• Number of downloads
• H5 Index
• Journal author satisfaction

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Back to the white board –
Did we cover everything important to you?

- Fame
- Wealth
- Personal Bathroom
- Drinks Cabinet
- Nobel Prize
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One final question
What do you want?

You may wish to...
Deposit your work in an OA repository
Use it for teaching purposes
Send copies to colleagues
Print multiple copies and distribute at a meeting
Translate your work to another language
Resource guide:

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Today’s Ppt slides will be added to the guide soon
Other opportunities

Preparing your Research Data Management Plan

Demystifying Research Metrics

EndNote

Career and Research Skills Training

Research Support Library Guide
http://libguides.adelaide.edu.au/research_support/home
Further reading

• Barrett, V, Open Access: Your Rights as an Author
Vimeo presentation recorded 22nd Oct 2015 University of Adelaide
(https://vimeo.com/149239058)

DOI: 10.1126/science.342.6154.60

• Solomon DJ, Björk B-C, ‘Publication fees in open access publishing: Sources of funding and factors influencing choice of journal’, *Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology*, 63(1):98–107, DOI: 10.1002/asi.21660

• *Uni of Adelaide Research Services Publishing Strategically*


• Think, Check, Submit - http://thinkchecksubmit.org/about/
Any Questions?