Finding the appropriate journal to publish your research

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THE EVOLUTION OF ACADEMIA

Publish

Publish or Perish

Publish in high impact journals or Perish

Publish frequently in high impact journals and maybe you won't Perish

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Why do teachers and students write and publish research papers?
The need to Publish

• To share results
• To complete the research cycle (Creswell, 2012)
• To contribute to the field
• To graduate/ requirements of posgraduate programs
• To study a posgraduate program
• To get a postgraduate degree
• To get a promotion
• To be “somebody” in the academic virtual world (Google search)
• To be read and cited
• For your self-esteem, 😊
Publishing as a kind of literacy

Evolving dynamics of power, expectations, patterns of activities, knowledge production and social discourses.

What CoPs do

Academic Writing
Scholarly Publishing
Problems

• Publishing is not easy
• Publishing takes too long
• Not all journals are reliable, free or indexed

• Different efforts to help
Important tips before choosing a journal

- Read or download Guide for Authors.
- Verify the journal topics match your area of research.
- Check if the journal is invitation-only as some journals will only accept articles after inviting the author.
- Submit your paper to only one journal at the time.
- Read the aims and scope of the journal.
- If you need to publish open access know that most Elsevier journals have open access options explained on the journal homepage.
- Check the journal performance for the review and publication timelines.
Where to publish your research:

- **JCR** - Journal Citation Report
- **SJR** - Scimago Journal Rank
- Dialnet
- Redalyc
- Elsevier
- Scopus
HOW TO ASSESS A JOURNAL
A.K.A. How not to publish in an undesirable journal

Key Things to Consider When Assessing a Journal*
*It’s up to you to weigh these factors in order to make your decision.

Don’t trust unsolicited emails
- If a call for submission does not come from a trusted source, treat it as spam.

Review several issues of the journal
- Check for writing and research quality, relevance to discipline and adequate copy editing.

Review the journal website. It should contain:
- A clear and appropriate scope.
- An editorial board with recognized experts and current contact information for them.
- A description of the peer review process.
- Transparent information about whether article processing charges (APCs) or other fees are charged.

Check that any impact metrics listed by the journal are recognized and reputable
- E.g. Journal Impact Factor, H-Index, Eigenfactor

While you’re at it...
- If your research grant or institution requires that your article be openly available, make sure the journal’s policy allows this.

Two journals can have similar names but different reputations, don’t mistake one journal for another.

Beware: there are a number of made-up metrics on the Internet.

Still Unsure?

Check with your colleagues and peers in your field.

Get help from a librarian at your institution.

Visit thinkchecksubmit.org for more useful tips.

Neutral Factors
The following factors are not indicative of journal quality:

Lack of impact metrics
- Not all reputable journals display impact metrics.

Geographical location of publisher
- Journal publishing is a global pursuit.

Article Processing Charges (APCs)
- Reputable open access journals operate under a variety of business models, including many who use APCs.

Reputation of other journals by the same publisher
- A publisher can be responsible for both highly respected and less reputable journals.

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Some journals

• MEXTESOL Journal  http://www.mextesol.net/journal/index.php?page=homepage
• LACLIL  https://laclil.unisabana.edu.co/index.php/LACLIL
• Educación y Ciencia  http://educacionyciencia.org/index.php/educacionyciencia/index
• Profile  https://revistas.unal.edu.co/index.php/profile/index
• Revista Latinoamericana de Estudios Educativos  https://www.ceamope.org/numeros-ree?fbclid=IwAR3Q_RF-2BHiYtCxsMTxUb8eC3nfZz5arzNQUGmJaOCf0GmXea-azkymVaa
• Innovación Educativa  https://www.ipn.mx/innovacion/
• TESOL Journal  https://www.tesol.org/read-and-publish/journals/tesol-journal
• Ethical Lingua: Journal of Language Teaching and Literature  https://ethicallingua.org/25409190
• Argentinian Journal of Applied Linguistics, http://www.faapi.org.ar/ajal/current.html?fbclid=IwAR0Cr6tND-8EAFBtZtOv3hhVwQ5UqkJMjNcsHEYLtgi3TDfL0M8sk86xDIQ

• Brazilian English Language Teaching Journal (BELT), http://revistaseletronicas.pucrs.br/ojs/index.php/belt/index


• Call for chapters- EFL/ESL HOWEVER,...
Lenguas en Contexto

• Published by The School of Languages- BUAP

• Founded in 2010- Annual + Special Issue

• Indexed in Latindex- Working to get other indexes
Preparing your manuscript

• Check and analyze the guidelines of the journal where you want to publish your article.

• Be clear and concise:
  • What was done?
  • Why was it done?
  • How was it done?
  • What was found?
  • What is the contribution to the field?
What sections must be included in an academic article?
Title

The importance of the title
• Brief but catchy
• Summarizes the article
• Readers know what they will find
• Introduction
• Problem
• Justification for the research
• Objectives and Research Questions
• Methodology
• Results
• Summary of the results
• Interpretation of the results/Discussion
• Implications
• Conclusions
• References
• Appendixes
Academic Writing

• An article is not a thesis
• Thesis: 2/3 articles
• Register,
• Organization- guidelines
• Sentences and guidelines
• # of authors
• Literature Review (2010+)
• APA (6th or 7th?)
The speed with which your article appears online will depend on your chosen journal’s publishing model. In the graphic below, we highlight the journey for a paper published in a journal offering article level publishing (ALP). We are in the process of rolling out ALP to all eligible Emerald titles and our goal is to have the majority of our journals on board by the end of 2018. For more information, visit our EarlyCite page.

**THE JOURNAL PUBLISHING PROCESS**

1. **SUBMIT**
   - Submit your research through your chosen journal’s online submission site. You will need to register for an account to do this. Once your account is set up, you will be guided through a 7-step submission process.

2. **EDITOR CHECK**
   - Your paper will then be read by the journal Editor to see if it fits with the aims and scope of the journal. If you have submitted to an academic journal, they will enter it into a rigorous, double-blind peer review process which considers the quality, originality, approach and clarity of your paper.

3. **DECISION**
   - Once the reviewers have read your paper, they will make one of the following recommendations:
     - Accept
     - Minor revisions
     - Major revisions
     - Reject
     - The final decision lies with the Editor. Reviewer feedback on the paper will be provided to the corresponding author. Note, if the paper is outside the journal’s scope, the Editor may reject it and suggest it is transferred to a more relevant Emerald journal.

4. **REVISIONS**
   - You will receive an email from the Editor containing the final decision. If you are asked to make revisions, you have 30 days to resubmit for minor revisions, and 90 days to resubmit for major revisions. Once you have resubmitted your paper, it will be reassigned to the same reviewers to check whether their comments have been addressed. If sufficient improvements have been made, your paper will be accepted. If not, you may be asked to perform multiple revisions or have your paper withdrawn.
Once accepted, your paper is immediately processed by our in-house team, who check the copyright forms and whether third-party permissions (if applicable) have been provided. Your paper is then sent to our typesetting team, who will perform further quality checks and prepare PDF proofs. You will receive an email link to the PDF proofs, along with a query form that highlights any inconsistencies, grammar, table/figure and referencing errors that need resolving before publication.

Your proof must be returned to the typesetters within 10 working days. If this deadline cannot be met, any outstanding queries will be resolved by the Emerald team.

Once proofs are returned, corrections are made by the typesetting team, then final proofs are sent to the journal’s content Editors for final checks. Once this is complete, your paper is published through EarlyCite.

Your paper is now a fully citable, published article with a DOI number. The article can be promoted, downloaded and referenced.

When a journal issue is available for your article to be published in, the typeset files will be reworked by the typesetting team to add pagination, volume and issue details. The resupplied files will be re-loaded to our online platform, moving from the EarlyCite container to the relevant volume and issue number. Where applicable, a print copy will then be produced.

Please note, the timelines given are for guidance only, and are subject to change.
Publication Process

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Acceptance 😊 😊

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Table 1. Ten tips for publishing in scholarly journals

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<td>1. Do not damage your reputation by publishing in the scam, pseudo journals.</td>
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<td>2. Your wish is your motivator.</td>
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<td>3. Choose a good lab and strong colleagues, including at least one who has impressive publications.</td>
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<td>4. Novelty in relevant fields is highly appreciated compared to usual data in the fields of interest.</td>
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<td>5. Care about your figures and tables.</td>
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<td>6. Finalise your research story when you get enough data with a high-quality paper.</td>
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<td>7. Select the appropriate journal for your paper.</td>
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<td>8. Submit a well-written cover letter with the manuscript.</td>
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<td>9. Your constructive and positive response to reviewer’s comments is the cornerstone for acceptance.</td>
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• Cultural challenges
• Ethics
• Responsibility
• Publishing research empowers teachers
GOOD LUCK!