Choosing a Journal

Online course learning objectives

This course provides guidance to help authors make informed decisions when researching different journals to publish in. It will give an insight into what journal editors are looking for, drawing on advice and tips from actual journal editors.

This course will help learners to:

- Identify the key considerations when evaluating journals.
- Select the most appropriate journal for their research.
- Evaluate the different types of publication models in order to make informed decisions about where best to publish their article.
- Recognize the warning signs of predatory publishers.
- Recognize the different factors to consider when evaluating journals.
- Use these factors to compare and contrast journals to make their final journal selection.

Language: English
Time to complete: 1.5 hours
Level: Beginner

Online course full syllabus

MODULE ONE: WHERE TO START WHEN CHOOSING A JOURNAL
This module looks at key considerations when choosing a journal article and what editors look for when evaluating the suitability of article submissions to their journal.

Topics:

1. What should I consider first?
2. Article types
3. What editors look for

MODULE TWO: TYPES OF PUBLICATION
Key information on different publication models and how to evaluate these models to make an informed decision about where best to submit their research paper.

Topics:

1. Different article types
2. Open access vs subscription journals
3. Predatory publishers

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MODULE THREE: NARROWING DOWN YOUR CHOICE

How to assess different journals suitability, processes, and reputation in order to choose the most appropriate journal for their research.

Topics:

1. Is the journal suitable?
2. What is the journal's process?
3. Does the journal have a good reputation?

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