OA mandates

- Many funders or sponsoring institutions require that articles or research be made available to the public
- Public access can be provided through an institutional repository, digital archive or published in an OA journal
- Access can be Green, Gold or Hybrid

From CER website:

- EU’s “Horizon 2020” €80 billion research initiative
- Explicitly supports OA requirements
- “Plan S” will require OA for all publicly funded research
OA mandates – where to find?

Numerous resources can help you:
- Locate and evaluate open access journals
- Identify high quality journals
- Avoid low quality journals
- Many of these steps are the same you would use for a conventional, “non-open” journal

Where to publish? How to find OA journals?

http://roarmap.eprints.org/

OA mandates – where to find?

SHERPA services

Helping authors and institutions make informed and confident decisions in open access publication and compliance.

Visit sherpa.ac.uk

For all SHERPA enquiries contact: help@sherpa.ac.uk
Where to publish?

- "Think Check Submit" website can help you evaluate journals
- Supported by scholarly societies and organizations

Where to publish?

- Directory of Open Access Journals


https://thinkchecksubmit.org/

https://doaj.org/
Hands-on

- Find a journal in your subject area in DOAJ.

Hands-on

- Example of DOAJ Journal information page

Where to publish? – Positive Indicators

- Scope of the journal is well-defined and clearly stated
- Journal's primary audience is researchers/practitioners
- Editor, editorial board are recognized experts in the field
- Journal is affiliated with or sponsored by an established scholarly society or academic institution
- Articles are within the scope of the journal and meet the standards of the discipline
- Any fees or charges for publishing in the journal are clearly stated
- Articles have DOIs (Digital Object Identifier, e.g., doi:10.1111/j.1743-9585.2011.00054.x)
- Journal clearly indicates rights for use and reuse of content at article level (e.g., Creative Commons CC BY License)
- Journal has an ISSN (International Standard Serial Number, e.g., 1234-5678)
- Publisher is a member of Open Access Scholarly Publishers Association
- Journal is listed in UlrichsWeb, Global Serials Directory or the Directory of Open Access Journals
- Journal is included in subject databases and/or indexes

Source: https://www.gvsu.edu/library/sc/open‐access‐journal‐quality‐indicators‐5.htm#journal‐models
Where to publish? – Negative Indicators

- Journal web site is difficult to locate or identify
- Publisher “About” information is absent on the journal’s web site
- Publisher direct marketing (i.e., spamming) or other advertising is obtrusive
- Instructions to authors information is not available
- Information on peer review and copyright is absent or unclear on the journal web site
- Journal scope statement is absent or extremely vague
- No information is provided about the publisher, or the information provided does not clearly indicate a relationship to a mission to disseminate research content
- Repeat lead authors in same issue
- Publisher has a negative reputation (e.g., documented examples in Chronicle of Higher Education, listservs, etc.)

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Where to publish? – Evaluating journals

- American Library Association has an excellent guide:

https://acrl.libguides.com/scholcomm/toolkit/evaluating

Finding and evaluating journals

- Two powerful library tools that can help: Scopus and Web of Science
Demo – finding and evaluating journals

Scopus

Document search

Search
E.g., "Cognitive architectures" AND online

Web of Science

Education Technology and Society

USC Libraries

USC Libraries
Results of a search for Open Access journals in the area of Education & Educational Research

Recap: Learning outcomes

- Describe open access publishing and its various models
- Locate open access journals and other publications in your field
- Critically assess journals and identify where to publish
Questions?

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Open access guide: libguides.usc.edu/openaccess