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A Guide to Successfully Publishing Your Research in Peer-Reviewed Journals

This discussion will highlight important Internet-based resources necessary to identify appropriate journals to target for manuscript submission, as well as valuable and helpful research-related resources available during the planning and writing phases of manuscript development.

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APA Style

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Language
Association

MLA

The Chicago Manual of Style Online

Scholarly Peer Review Research Journals—What does this mean?

Scholarly vs. Popular

- Scholarly articles come from a scholarly source such as a journal, proceedings from a conference and association publications.
- Written for academics and practitioners.
- May or may not be peer reviewed.
- May or may not be a research article

Peer reviewed vs. Non Peer reviewed

- A process that editors/publishers of scholarly journals used to attempt quality control.
- Authors submit articles to publishers for publication.
- Editors choose peer reviewers (someone who is specialized in the area of article).

- The article is sent to peer reviewers (numbers vary) who edit and make comments for publisher.
- Publisher decides to print or not based on comments (publish, not publish or publish with edits by author).

Research Journal (article) vs. Theoretical Journal (article)

- Reports on a research study.
- As opposed to a theoretical article.
- From a scholarly source.
- Generally will have method and results sections.
- May or may not be peer reviewed.

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Finding, Evaluating and Using Measurement Tools

Writing Resources

Bibliographic Citation Tools

Important Factors in Deciding Where to publish

Whose is Publishing Similar Topics

Departmental Factors

Discipline Based factors

Type of Article

Publisher Metrics

Whose is Publishing Your Topic? Identifying the Most Likely Journals

Cited by as a Metric

Departmental/ Discipline Factors

Discipline standards, School based standards, Institutional standards, Peer review, Peers views

Journal Rankings

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