

# Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ)

DOAJ is a unique and extensive index of diverse open access journals from around the world, driven by a growing community, committed to ensuring quality content is available online for everyone to benefit.

## Mission & Vision

DOAJ's mission is to enhance the visibility, accessibility, reputation, usage, and impact of quality, peer-reviewed, open-access scholarly research journals across all disciplines, geographies, and languages. Committed to 100% independence, DOAJ ensures that its primary services and metadata remain openly available to everyone. By fostering equity and diversity in the scholarly ecosystem, DOAJ enables trusted research to be accessed globally without barriers, contributing to a more inclusive and transparent knowledge-sharing environment.

## Who can benefit from DOAJ?

-  Publishers, Libraries, Journals, Editors
-  Funders, Decision Makers, Governments
-  Readers, Authors, Scientists, Researchers, Science Journalists and society in general

## Which journals can apply for inclusion in DOAJ?

High quality, peer-reviewed, open access, well-established scholarly journals from across the globe - in all languages - can apply for possible inclusion in DOAJ.

Once the applicant (publisher/editor) has checked that the journal adheres to the basic criteria, register a profile on DOAJ and complete the online application form.

Training and support are available on request.

## Safeguarding trust in scholarly journals

At DOAJ, ensuring the integrity of scholarly publishing is at the heart of what we do. Our Quality Team is pivotal in maintaining a directory of trustworthy, high-quality open access journals, helping researchers, libraries, and funding bodies identify dependable sources for publishing and accessing research. By upholding rigorous quality standards, DOAJ enhances the reputation of listed journals and strengthens trust across the scholarly publishing ecosystem.

Our thorough investigations focus on five key areas:

-  **Transparency:** Clear editorial board details, ownership, and policies.
-  **Editorial Board:** Verified credentials and appropriate expertise.
-  **Peer Review:** Robust and fair processes ensuring content reliability.
-  **Reputation:** Avoidance of misleading metrics or false claims.
-  **Management:** Rigorous oversight and editorial independence.

Read more about the basic criteria DOAJ journals adhere to:  
<https://doaj.org/apply/guide/>