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PREVIEW



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# Open Preprint Reviews. **For All Researchers.**

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Welcome to our Annual Report, a showcase of the commitment to our values, our achievements and progress throughout the year.



# Our Mission guides us.

# Our Values inspire us.

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**In 2017, we founded PRereview because we believe science and scholarship should be equitable, transparent, and collaborative.**

PRereview's mission is to bring more equity and transparency to scholarly peer review by supporting and empowering communities of researchers, particularly those at early stages of their career (ECRs) and who have been historically excluded, to review preprints in a process that is rewarding to them.

- We design and develop **open source infrastructure** to enable constructive feedback to preprints at a point in time in which it is needed.
- We **develop peer review resources** and **train** the next generation of socially-conscious manuscript and grant reviewers.
- We **partner with like-minded organizations** to organize events, run programs, and work together to create rewarding preprint review experiences for researchers.

In taking these vital steps, we envision a future in which every researcher is empowered with the skills to recognize and fight bias, and is welcomed into a review culture where constructive feedback is expected and rewarded.

**Our values are integral to how and why we do this work.**

We value **equity and openness**. Equity means to recognize that there are people with different resources and barriers, and therefore need more or less support to reach the same level of access. Openness is about making sure that the resources and tools we produce are available and accessible to everyone. To us equity and openness are two inextricable ingredients needed to bring positive change to how research is shared and evaluated. Without centering equity, approaches that solely focus on openness risk recapitulating the same oppressive systems and practices that have dominated scholarship for centuries.

We value **collaboration** and **co-creation**. Our work is limited by the perspectives, expertise, and experiences we have as a team and our ideas are influenced by the communities with which we are most closely connected. We actively seek opportunities to collaborate and co-create resources with value-aligned groups and organizations.

We value **plurality**. We believe there are multiple ways to build an equitable and open future of scholarly communication. No one-solution—not ours nor others—will fit all.

# Meet the PREreview Team



Vanessa Fairhurst (she/her)  
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Product Manager



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Tech Lead Manager (eLife)

*“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”  
- Margaret Mead’*



**2540**

PREreview users

**810**

Preprint reviews published

**21**

Preprint servers connected to our platform

**12**

Partner organizations

**180**

User research participants

**1912**

Newsletter subscribers

**22**

Countries represented in our community

**400+**

Trained peer reviewers via Open Reviewers workshops

**200+**

Community Slack members

**11**

Established PREreview Clubs

**6K+**

Downloads across our 18 review resources on Zenodo

**USD\$2M**

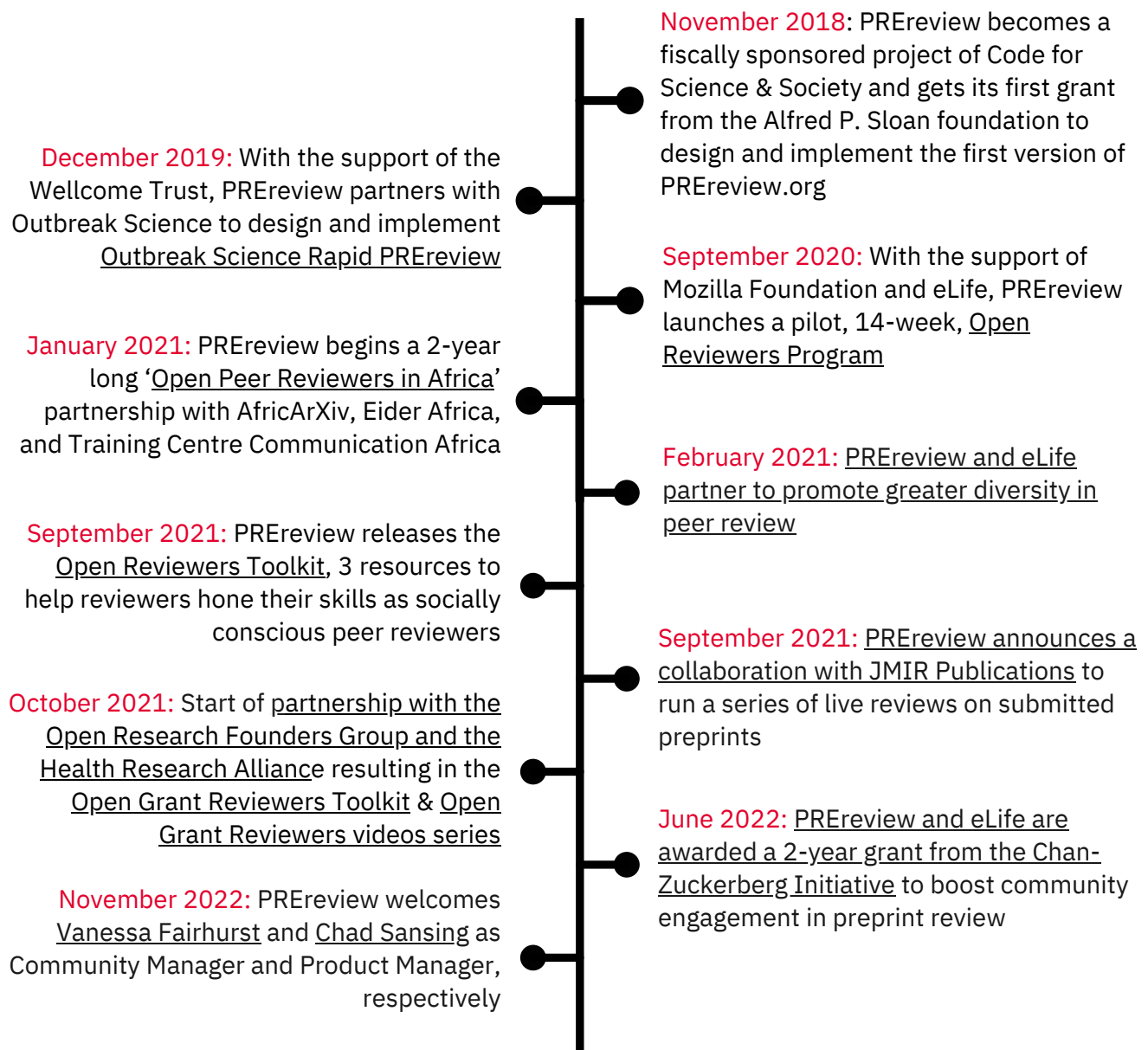
Raised over the course of 5 years

PREreview in Numbers



# Milestones

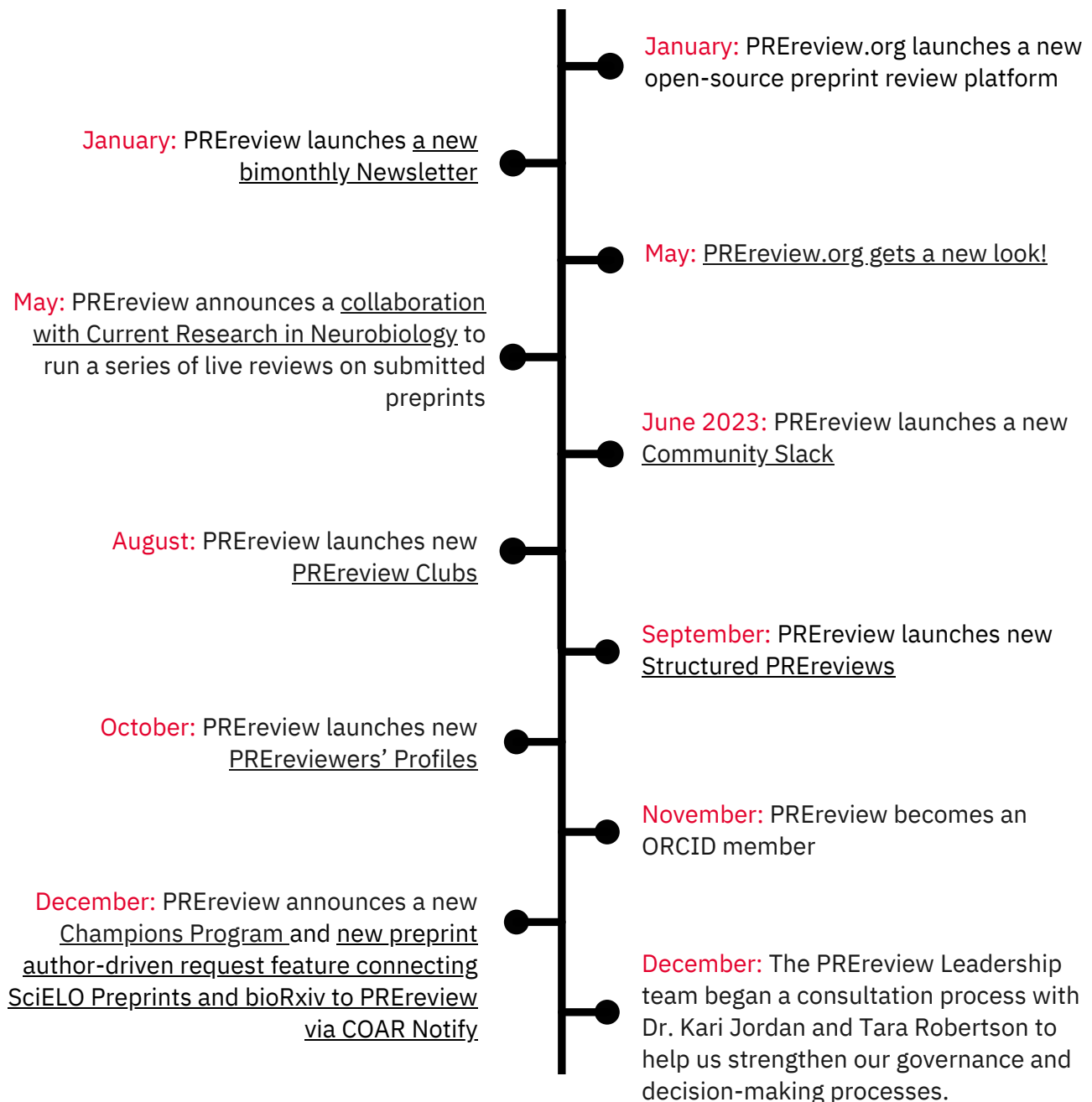
## 2018 - 2022





# Milestones

## 2023







# A word from Our Colleagues

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“Working with PRereview is always an immensely positive experience. We’ve collaborated on developing equitable peer review training programs for scholars, spanning from early-career researchers to publishers. Together, we challenge traditional paradigms and work towards dismantling systemic oppression ingrained within existing publishing and research structures. Our work extends beyond trying to address individual behaviors; rather, it involves reshaping systems, policies, and processes to foster genuine systemic change. I am honored to contribute to this transformative work alongside PRereview and look forward to future collaborations as we continue shift the scholarly landscape.”

**Antoinette Foster, PhD**

Director of Community Transformation, Oregon Health & Science University

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“The Open Research Funding Group (ORFG) and the Health Research Alliance (HRA) invited PRereview to shape the Open & Equitable Model Funding Program. As the Open Grant Reviewers Program Manager and Trainer, I collaborated with ORFG and HRA to craft frameworks for the Application Review Process, enhancing fairness and equity. The impact of the Program in promoting transparency and fairness is tangible, and I eagerly anticipate its continued success. Proud to be part of this dynamic team, I am confident in the lasting positive influence the Open & Equitable Model Funding Program will have on reshaping grant funding.”

**Arturo Garduño-Magaña**

DataCite, Regional Engagement Specialist - Latin America  
Former PRereview Program Manager and Trainer



# A word from Our Collaborators



“As our Green Journal leadership team began the journey to center reproductive health equity in all of our editorial processes and procedures, PREreview was a trusted early partner. They facilitated three foundational workshops that grounded us in an understanding of past and present injustices in academic medicine and publishing, concrete steps to center equity in peer review, and a group peer review activity that utilized our Equity Rubric as a guide. We came to this work with vastly different lived experiences and understanding of health equity, but our engagement with PREreview provided the necessary depth and breadth to approach our work in health equity at the journal with creativity, humility, and respect.”

**Ebony Boyce Carter, MD, MPH**

Director for the Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine, UNC School of Medicine



“We've been extremely fortunate to collaborate with PREreview in our shared mission to promote preprint reviews. Their special attention to multiple languages translates into diversity and inclusiveness, which is well aligned with SciELO's core values. We see a future with preprint reviewing as a common practice within the scientific communication and partnering with PREreview is a fundamental step to make that future come faster.”

**Alex Medonça**

Online Submission & Preprints Coordinator at SciELO

# What's next?

## How can you help?

This year has marked significant achievements towards a future of community-let scholarly evaluation. As we step into 2024, our commitment to our mission endures. Specifically we look forward to:

- Continuing to create opportunities for community engagement and growth by empowering a cohort of **20 Champions** with the skills and tools they need to support others participating in open, preprint review
- Launching our new **ORCID auto-update** feature enabling PREreviewers' public review activity to be automatically written to the peer review section of their ORCID profiles
- Working to make it easier for authors to get feedback on their preprints by optimizing our **request-a-review feature**
- Improving the user interface for adding **multiple authors** to a review and investigating how to add **author comments** to PREreviews
- Researching **optimizations for specific audiences like instructors, students, and patients**
- **Localizing our tools and resources** to address the needs and expectations of Latin American Spanish-speaking and Portuguese-speaking communities
- Crafting a **robust sustainability strategy** to ensure our organization's longevity and impact

As always, we welcome any feedback, comments or questions about our work this year and plans for 2024 and beyond!

Drop us an email at [community@prereview.org](mailto:community@prereview.org) or alternatively:

- You can give us your feedback on the #community-feedback channel of our **PREreview Community Slack**
- You can find us on **Mastodon, Twitter, LinkedIn, Facebook, Threads, and BlueSky**, oh my!
- You can also **subscribe to our newsletter** if you haven't already.
- **Schedule a user research interview** with Product Manager Chad Sansing. If you can't find a time that works for you, please **email Chad** to arrange a call. Whenever possible, we compensate interviewees.

We're excited to learn with you and share your contributions to open preprint review throughout the new year!

Consider supporting us with a donation:

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# Gratitude, Collaboration, and **Ongoing Partnership with You**

With heartfelt appreciation, we extend our deepest gratitude to the vibrant tapestry of our community members, dedicated partners, generous funders, and all those who share in the belief that the journey towards a future marked by equitable and open scholarly evaluation is not just hopeful but entirely within our reach. Your collective support fuels our passion and commitment to fostering positive change, propelling us towards a future where equity and openness define the landscape of scholarly assessment.

Thank you for standing with us on this inspiring journey!



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