



DOAS

DIAMOND Open Access Standard

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The Diamond
Open Access
Standard



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Aligning
Diamond OA
journals and
publishers
on quality

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Quality is a public good

- ✓ Based on 7 core components outlined in the Action Plan for Diamond Open Access, revised and refined by the DIAMAS project team.
- ✓ Focused on Diamond journals and publishers.
- ✓ A comprehensive approach to maintaining high standards in scholarly publishing.

- Funding
- Legal ownership, mission, and governance
- Open Science
- Editorial management, editorial quality, and research integrity
- Technical service efficiency
- Visibility, communication, marketing, and impact
- Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging



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- ✓ Desk work and co-creation with the community
- ✓ Based on the Extensible Quality Standard in Institutional Publishing (EQSIP v1 and EQSIP v2) from DIAMAS EU funded project

- An *IPSP Best Practices* report, analysing 71 documents
- *EQSIP v1*, selecting relevant standards and best practices
- A *gap analysis* for testing previous results
- *EQSIP v2*
- *Focus groups* from various scholarly disciplines, regions, and languages that provided analysis & feedback
- An *open consultation* with qualified individuals from more than 10 countries
- Enriched by contributions from the publishing community, ensuring active participation in the co-creation of **DOAS**

How to use DOAS

- ✓ **117 items:**
 - 63 REQUIRED items ensuring fundamental practices
 - 53 DESIRED items offering additional recommendations
- ✓ Essential compliance and aspirational goals for Diamond OA scholarly publishers

- Serves as *the Diamond OA Standard for scholarly publishers*
- Represents a *measure of quality* and a point of reference for comparison
- Helps to ensure *quality and transparency* in governance, processes, and workflows of journals' publishing activities
- Outlines *required and desired* items for compliance
- Emphasises clarity and transparency, prioritising *openness in information dissemination*



An example

Legal Ownership, Mission, and Governance



2 Legal Ownership, Mission, and Governance

To uphold the quality of Diamond open access publishing, it is essential to establish transparent, robust, and community-oriented ownership structures, mission, and governance mechanisms. Maintaining scholarly ownership in the public domain, and encouraging scholarly community control, accessibility, accountability, and collaboration to be promoted, is key for the ethos of Diamond OA publishing.

2.1. Ownership

- Scholarly community. The IP is owned by a not-for-profit academic or scholarly organisation (as defined in footnote 2). (REQUIRED)
- Ownership statement. The IP has a defined statement about the ownership of the individual journals it publishes. It includes the legal parameters governing the relationship between the IP and its published journals, the determination of ownership for each title, and the explicit definition of the rights/duties afforded to editors within the IP in a precise and unambiguous articulation. This also includes details about the discontinuation of the individual journal, and the transfer and preservation of its assets. (REQUIRED)
- Changes in ownership. Changes in the ownership, relationships and rights/duties must be handled with care and transparently by IPs. A change in the service provider (for example, publishing infrastructure) can be achieved without changing the journal title, owner, or publisher. (REQUIRED)
- Transparency in ownership. The IP offers information about its ownership structure on its website. (REQUIRED)

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