Open-Access Publishing in Psychology and the PsychOpen Project

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Overview

1. Open-Access Journals in Psychology: Questions & Answers

1. What is an Open-Access Journal?

Scholarly journal (peer-reviewed, primary research etc.),

• where all content (no hybrid open-access journals)

• without any delay (no embargo period)

is freely available on the Internet.
2. How many Open-Access Journals are there in Psychology?

- Psychology Journals
- OA Psychology Journals

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<th>DOAJ-Psychology</th>
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3. How are Open-Access Psychology Journals Distributed Geographically?

- **Europe***: 25%
- **USA (27)/Canada (5)**: 16%
- **Iberoamerica**: 49%
- **Asia**: 4%
- **Africa**: 4%
- **Australia/New Zealand**: 2%

*Europe without Spain and Portugal, including Russia and Turkey. Data from DOAJ (doaj.org), July 2013.
4. Do we Need Open-Access Journals and why?

9. Do you think your research field benefits, or would benefit from journals that publish Open Access articles? (n=38,358)

- Language and literature studies
- Mass Communications and Documentation
- Education
- Historical and philosophical studies
- Social sciences
- Medicine, dentistry and related subjects
- Creative arts and design
- Biological sciences
- Law
- Psychology
- Business and administrative studies
- Earth sciences
- Agriculture and related sciences
- Mathematical and computer sciences
- Architecture, building and planning
- Engineering and technology
- Physics and related sciences
- Astronomy and space science
- Chemistry

(n = 1,632)

5. What Prevents Researchers from Publishing in Open-Access Psychology Journals?

Reasons not to publish open access:

![Bar chart showing reasons not to publish open access across different fields](http://arxiv.org/abs/1101.5260)

- **Psychology**: 28% Funding, 30% Journal quality, 10% Accessibility, 8% Unawareness, 7% Next time, 2% Habit, 1% Other
- **Biological Sciences**: 59% Funding, 20% Journal quality, 7% Accessibility, 6% Unawareness, 6% Next time, 3% Habit, 1% Other
- **Agriculture and Related Sciences**: 54% Funding, 22% Journal quality, 10% Accessibility, 8% Unawareness, 6% Next time, 3% Habit, 1% Other
- **Medicine, Dentistry and Related Subjects**: 53% Funding, 23% Journal quality, 13% Accessibility, 9% Unawareness, 6% Next time, 3% Habit, 1% Other
- **Chemistry**: 44% Funding, 39% Journal quality, 10% Accessibility, 7% Unawareness, 6% Next time, 3% Habit, 1% Other
- **Mathematical and Computer Sciences**: 42% Funding, 31% Journal quality, 10% Accessibility, 7% Unawareness, 6% Next time, 3% Habit, 1% Other
- **Physics and Related Sciences**: 40% Funding, 29% Journal quality, 10% Accessibility, 7% Unawareness, 6% Next time, 3% Habit, 1% Other
- **Engineering and Technology**: 39% Funding, 35% Journal quality, 10% Accessibility, 7% Unawareness, 6% Next time, 3% Habit, 1% Other
- **Earth Sciences**: 38% Funding, 32% Journal quality, 10% Accessibility, 7% Unawareness, 6% Next time, 3% Habit, 1% Other
- **Historical and Philosophical Studies**: 27% Funding, 26% Journal quality, 10% Accessibility, 7% Unawareness, 6% Next time, 3% Habit, 1% Other
- **Education**: 23% Funding, 26% Journal quality, 10% Accessibility, 7% Unawareness, 6% Next time, 3% Habit, 1% Other
- **Social Sciences**: 22% Funding, 34% Journal quality, 10% Accessibility, 7% Unawareness, 6% Next time, 3% Habit, 1% Other
- **Astronomy and Space Science**: 16% Funding, 49% Journal quality, 10% Accessibility, 7% Unawareness, 6% Next time, 3% Habit, 1% Other
- **Business and Administrative Studies**: 12% Funding, 37% Journal quality, 10% Accessibility, 7% Unawareness, 6% Next time, 3% Habit, 1% Other

6. What is the Quality of Open-Access Psychology Journals?
7. Are there Open-Access Psychology Journals that have an Impact Factor?

**Iberoamerica (10)**
- Anales de Psicología [0.552]
- European Journal of Psychology Applied to Legal Context [0.750]
- International Journal of Clinical and Health Psychology [2.102]
- Psicologia: Reflexão e Crítica [0.168]
- Psicológica [0.709]
- Psicothema [0.961]
- Revista de Psicodidáctica [1.514]
- Revista de Psicología del Deporte [0.422]
- Revista Latinoamericana de Psicología [0.382]
- Universitas Psychologica [0.554]

**Europe* (4)**
- BMC Neuroscience [3.000]
- Journal of Artificial Societies and Social Simulation [0.713]
- (Journal of) Educational Technology & Society [1.171]
- Psihologija [0.292]

**USA (3)**
- American Indian and Alaska Native Mental Health Research [0.583]
- Evolutionary Psychology [1.704]
- Judgment and Decision Making [1.860]

**Asia (1)**
- Japanese Journal of Educational Psychology [0.092]

[#.###] = Impact Factor 2012 (Thomson Reuters)
8. Are There Alternatives to the Impact Factor?


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Aims

• Promote the visibility of European psychological research.
• Offer a forum for European topics and perspectives.
• Preserve and map Europe’s linguistic diversity.
PsychOpen: The European Open-Access Publishing Platform for Psychology

Journals

- Europe's Journal of Psychology (EJOP)
  Quarterly electronic publication of scientific psychology featuring original studies, research, critical contributions, interviews and book reviews intended for both psychologists and psychology students worldwide.

- Psychological Thought (PSYCT)
  Starting in 2006 as a print journal Psychological Thought was relaunched as an electronic journal on PsychOpen in 2012. Psychological Thought publishes articles in Bulgarian and English covering all fields of psychology.

- Psychology, Community & Health (PCH)
  Journal focusing particularly on research developed in community and health-related contexts. Although not limited to them, Psychology, Community & Health privileges the areas of health psychology, community psychology and their interaction.

- Journal of Social and Political Psychology (JSPP)
  Features articles at the intersection of social and political psychology that substantially advance the understanding of social problems, their reduction, and the promotion of social justice. JSPP encourages submissions with an interdisciplinary perspective.

- Interpersons
  Interpersons publishes articles on all kinds of human interactions, from weak ties to close relationships, and their relations with society and culture. With an editorial board formed by scholars from 62 countries, the journal seeks to internationalize the investigation in the field.

- The European Journal of Counselling Psychology (EJCOP)
  Addressing professional issues, the training of counselling psychologists and the application and practice of counselling psychology across Europe.
Costs

- No Article Processing Charges
  - No financial barriers for authors
  - No *monetary* incentives to publish (lots of) articles
- But: no additional funds
Quality

- **Publishing standards** (e.g. Int’l editorial board; endorsement by a national or international psychological society; English metadata; CC-BY license etc.)
- **Technical standards** (XML/JATS-based production workflow)
- **Close cooperation with editors to improve quality**