

DIRECTORY OF OPEN ACCESS JOURNAL

INTRODUCTION

DOAJ (Directory of Open Access Journals) was launched in 2003 with 300 open access journals. It is a community-curated online directory that indexes and provides access to high quality, open access, peer-reviewed journals. All DOAJ services are free of charge including being indexed. All data is freely available. DOAJ is an independent, non-profit organization managed by Infrastructure Services for Open Access, a community interest company. DOAJ relies entirely on the voluntary donations of its supporters. DOAJ has an Advisory Board and Council, the members of which carry out their duties voluntarily. The work done by the DOAJ Team is supported by over 100 voluntary editorial staff that helps to review applications.

DOAJ is financially supported by many libraries, publishers and other like organization's. Supporting DOAJ demonstrates a firm commitment to open access and the infrastructure that supports it. DOAJ is a co-author to the Principles of Transparency and Best Practice in Scholarly Publishing that provide the basis of

the DOAJ basic criteria for inclusion. DOAJ also has a global network of Ambassadors who promote open access and best practice in their regions.

Mission

DOAJ's mission is to increase the visibility, accessibility, reputation, usage and impact of quality, peer-reviewed, open access scholarly research journals globally, regardless of discipline, geography or language.

DOAJ works with editors, publishers and journal owners to help them understand the value of best practice publishing and standards and to apply those to their own operations.

DOAJ is committed to being 100% independent and maintaining its primary services and metadata as free to use or reuse for everyone.

SCOPE

DOAJ covers all areas of Agriculture, Auxiliary sciences of history, Bibliography, Library science, Information resources, Education, Fine Arts, General Works, Geography, Anthropology, Recreation, History (General) and history of Europe, History America, Language and Literature, Law, Medicine, Military Science, Music and books on Music, Naval Science, Philosophy, Psychology, Religion, Political science, Science, Social Sciences, Technology. Open access journals from more than 130 countries and in more than 80 languages are accepted for indexing.

CONTENT

17,564 indexed journals

12,110 indexed journals without APCs

1,550 indexed journals with DOAJ Seal

73,85,991 indexed articles

SUPPORT

DOAJ is an independent body 82% of its support comes from academic organizations (libraries, library consortia, universities, research centers) all over the world and 18% from sponsors.

There are 3 kinds of contributors Premier and Sustaining contributors are for the periods of 3 years which involves PeerJ, Royal Society of chemistry, APA open, Elife, ELSEVIER and EBSCO and basic ones are for 1 years – Cambridge University Press, Digital Science, IOP Publishing, ISSN and many more. Publisher supporters show their commitment, not only to open access, but to a community-driven, non-profit, diverse organization. They offer a variety of options so that publishers can choose the level of support that they are most comfortable with.

SEARCH OPTIONS

We can search the Journal and articles direct in the search box in all fields like Title, Keywords, Subjects, ISSN, Publishers. Further we can refine the search using different filters like the journal with a DOAJ seal or without article processing charges (APCs), from 517 different subjects, Country of publisher, Journal language, Licenses, Peer review types, Date of addition. Sort the search result by relevance, added to DOAJ (newest first or oldest first), last updated (most recent first or less recent first), Title (A-Z or Z-A).

FEATURES OF DOAJ

Reputation and prominence - DOAJ is the most important community-driven, open access service in the world and has a reputation for advocating best practices and standards in open access. By indexing journal in DOAJ, its reputation and prominence get enhanced.

Standards and best practice - DOAJ's basic criteria for inclusion have become the accepted way of measuring an open access journal's adherence to standards in scholarly publishing. DOAJ helps to adopt a range of ethical and quality standards, making journals more attractive publishing channels.

Funding and compliance -Open access publication funds often require that authors who want funding must publish in journals that are included in DOAJ. Indexing in DOAJ makes journals compliant with many initiatives and programmes around the world.

Discoverability and visibility DOAJ metadata is free for anyone to collect and use, which means it is easily incorporated into search engines and discovery services. It is then propagated across the internet.

International Coverage - This database includes more open access journals from a diverse list of countries than any of the other major indexing services. It has a global editorial team via a network of Managing Editors, Ambassadors and volunteers, They do best to offer local support in your language and promise that information about journal will be seen around the world.

Think. Check. Submit.

DOAJ is a proud founder of Think. Check. Submit. as well as a contributing organisation and long-standing committee member.

Established in 2015, Think. Check. Submit. was developed with the support of an international coalition of organisations from across scholarly communications in response to discussions about predatory publishing and amid a growing number of new and unfamiliar publishing options available for researchers.

Think. Check. Submit. Provides tools and practical resources to educate researchers, promote integrity, and build trust in credible research and publications. Separate checklists for journal and books are available to guide researchers through the key criteria for selecting where to publish their research and are also invaluable to scholarly communications professionals who are advising researchers about these issues. Translation of checklist are also available in a number of languages.

CONCLUSION

DOAJ keeps its position as the most comprehensive searchable database of free scientific and scholarly research in full- text formats. It is an authoritative choice for the scholarly community in need of immediate access to peer- reviewed content. The user is allowed immediate free access to the works published in the journal and is permitted to read, copy, distribute, search, links to the full texts of the articles and use them.

REFERENCE

<https://doaj.org/>

