Where to Publish?

NAVIGATING THE JOURNAL JUNGLE AND AVOIDING PREDATORS

GRAD COLLEGE SHOP TALK

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AGENDA

- Finding the right journal

- Open Access publishing

- Avoiding predators

- Resources

FINDING THE RIGHT JOURNAL

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

- Success of getting accepted
- Visibility of your research
- Broaden your impact

LIBRARY HOMEPAGE

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Start Your Research

| ▼ Keyword ⌄ | Search Articles/Books/Media | 🔍 |

Advanced Search

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LIBRARY GUIDES   **MY DASHBOARD**   **WHAT WE DO**

Browse By Discipline

Caution: Disciplines do not contain a complete list of titles available.

Agriculture & Agribusiness (1291)	Consumer Health (82)	Information Technology (928)
Anatomy & Physiology (261)	Dance (55)	Language & Linguistics (1373)
Anthropology (480)	Dentistry (284)	Law (2742)
Applied Sciences (595)	Diplomacy & International Relations (542)	Library & Information Science (702)
Architecture (309)	Drama & Theater Arts (406)	Life Sciences (1163)
Arts & Entertainment (515)	Earth & Atmospheric Sciences (928)	Literature & Writing (2812)
Astronomy & Astrophysics (139)	Economics (2203)	Marketing (552)
Biography (49)	Education (4706)	Mathematics (1538)
Biology (2485)	Engineering (2684)	Military History & Science (265)
Biotechnology (236)	Environmental Sciences (1266)	Mining & Mineral Resources (95)
Botany (376)	Ethnic & Cultural Studies (2516)	Music (778)
Business & Management (8221)	Film (262)	Nursing & Allied Health (1223)
Chemistry (1807)	Forestry (151)	Nutrition & Dietetics (256)
Communication & Mass Media (2022)	Geography & Cartography (407)	Oceanography (285)

PUBLISHER TOOLS

Abstract Matcher

Enter your abstract to find a journal best suited for your work.

Elsevier Journal Finder
Web of Science Manuscript Matcher
Taylor & Francis Journal Suggestor

Keyword Search

Use keywords and title to match your research to a suitable journal.

Elsevier Journal Finder
Sage Journal Recommender
Springer Link

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

Review
Journal Articles

- Do the articles meet established standards for research in your field?
- What is the editorial quality of the articles?
- What is the quality of the research?
- Do you recognize any authors as experts or colleagues?

Judge
Journal Website

- What is the quality of the website?
- Is it easy to navigate?
- Is there information about their publishing policies?
- Is there information about author's right?
- Are there instructions for authors easily accessible?
- Is there an editorial board listed? Do you recognize any of the members as experts in the field?

Check
Journal Indexing

- Is the journal indexed in Cabell's or Ulrich's directory of journals?
- If open access, is it indexed in Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ)?
- If not, is it published by a library or other reputable source?
- Can you find it in our library database?

Ensure
Journal Licensing

- Does the journal retain the right to your work once you've published?
- Do they use Creative Commons Licenses?
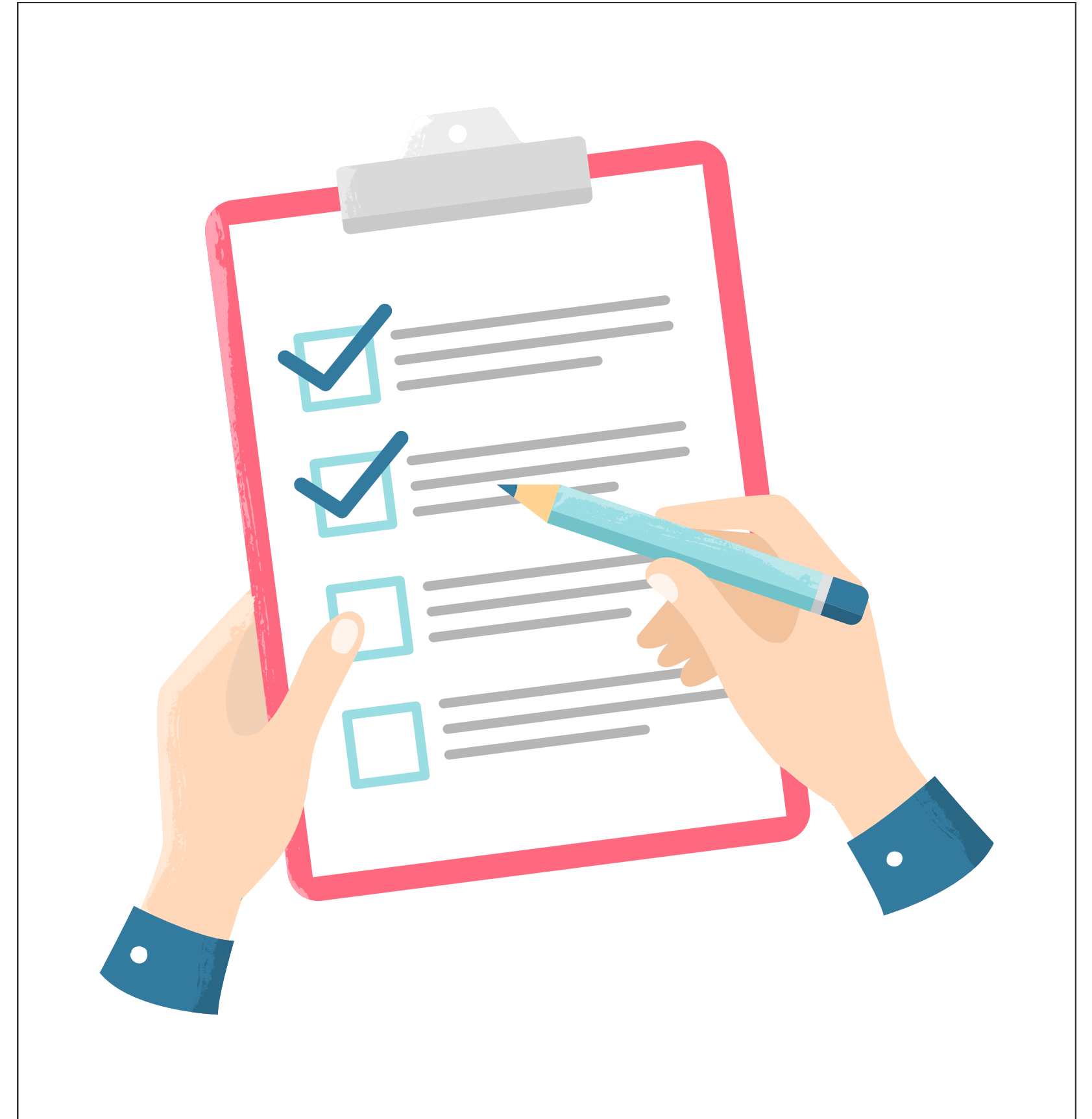- Is their policy clearly stated on their website?

THINK. CHECK. SUBMIT.

Think: Are you submitting your research to a trusted journal?

Check: A reference list to use to check if the journal is trusted.

Submit: If you have been able to check most of the boxes on the list, you should submit.

https://thinkchecksubmit.org/journals/

JOURNAL METRICS

- **Journal Impact Factor**
- **CiteScore**
- **Eigenfactor**
- **Google Scholar Metrics**
- **SCImago Journal & Country Rank (SJR)**

CABELLS

- Very specific measurements that do not take into account other factors
- Not designed to show impact of a specific scholar
- Self-citing can impact results
- Editorial policies, such as requiring citations, can impact
- Cross-discipline metrics can disadvantage disciplines with a weaker publishing tradition
- Different metrics use different sources, which may exclude some journals
- Citation counts do not necessarily indicate article quality
- ETC!

ALTMETRICS

"**Supporters of the altmetrics movement believe that doing so will give a more complete picture of how research and scholarship is used.**"

https://pitt.libguides.com/altmetrics

- Complementary to traditional journal metrics
- Capture elements of societal impact
- Can be captured more quickly than traditional metrics
- Examples:
  - Download count
  - News media coverage
  - Researcher comments
  - Shares on social media
  - Location data of viewers
  - Bookmarked
  - Page views

CONSIDERATIONS

Are you publishing to fulfill a requirement?
- Open access?
- Peer reviewed?

What journals have your colleagues, mentors, or other respected researchers in your field published in?
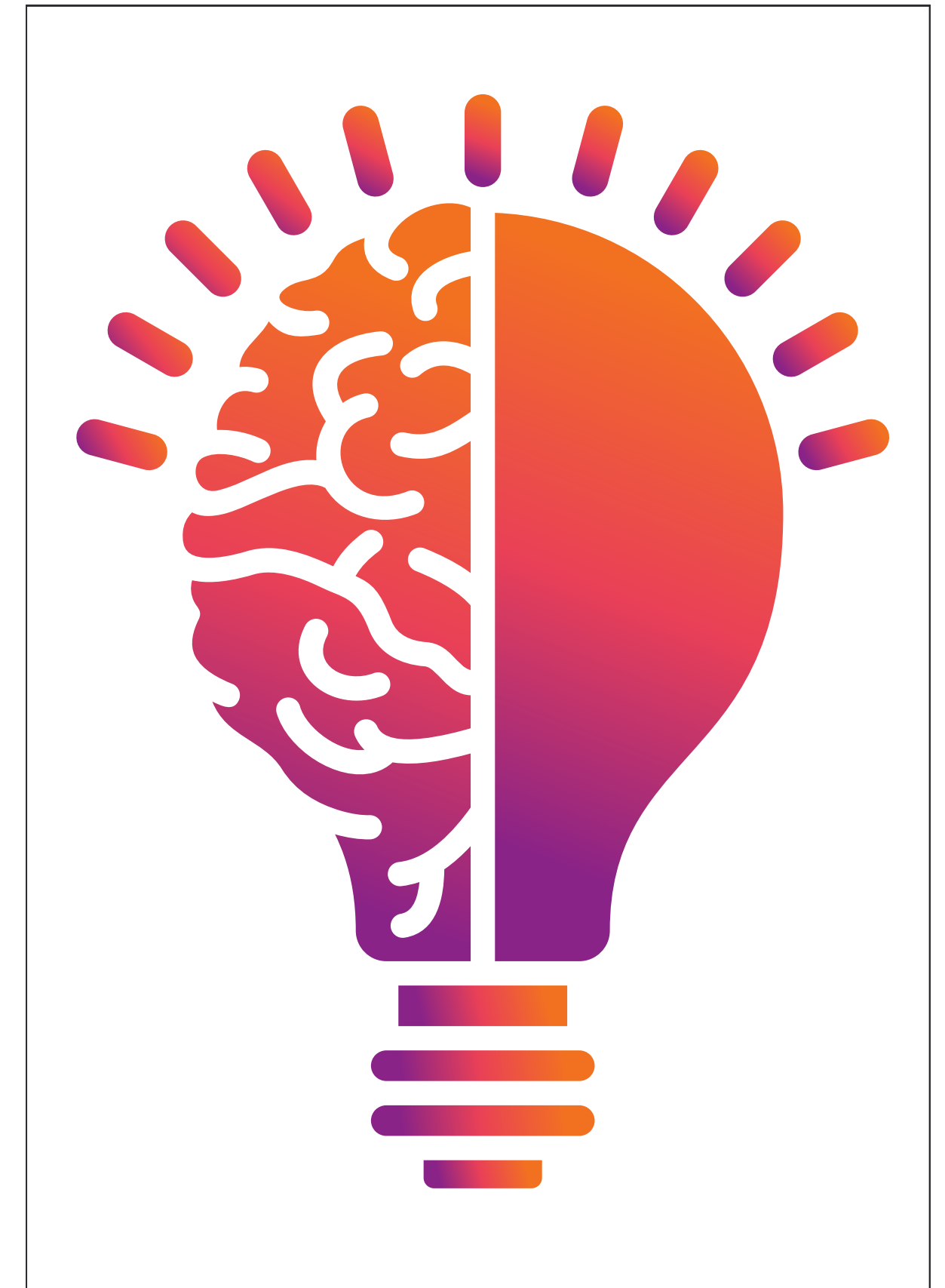
CHANGE YOUR MINDSET

Who can I get to publish my work? ❌

Where is the best place for me to publish this to reach my intended readers? ✅

Which journal do I prefer to work with? ✅

PAUSE: QUESTIONS?

OPEN ACCESS PUBLISHING

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a "set of principles and a range of practices through which research outputs are distributed online, free of access charges or other barriers"

Open access. (2023). In Wikipedia. https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Open_access&oldid=1178058644

WHY OPEN ACCESS?

Pros

- Anyone can read your work for free
- You can access resources for free
- Your work is discoverable by search engines
- You retain the copyright/license for your work
- Increased citations

Cons

- Some journals charge article processing charges, which can be exorbitant
- Predatory journals use the open access model to prey on authors
- Tenure and promotion committees often favor traditionally published journals
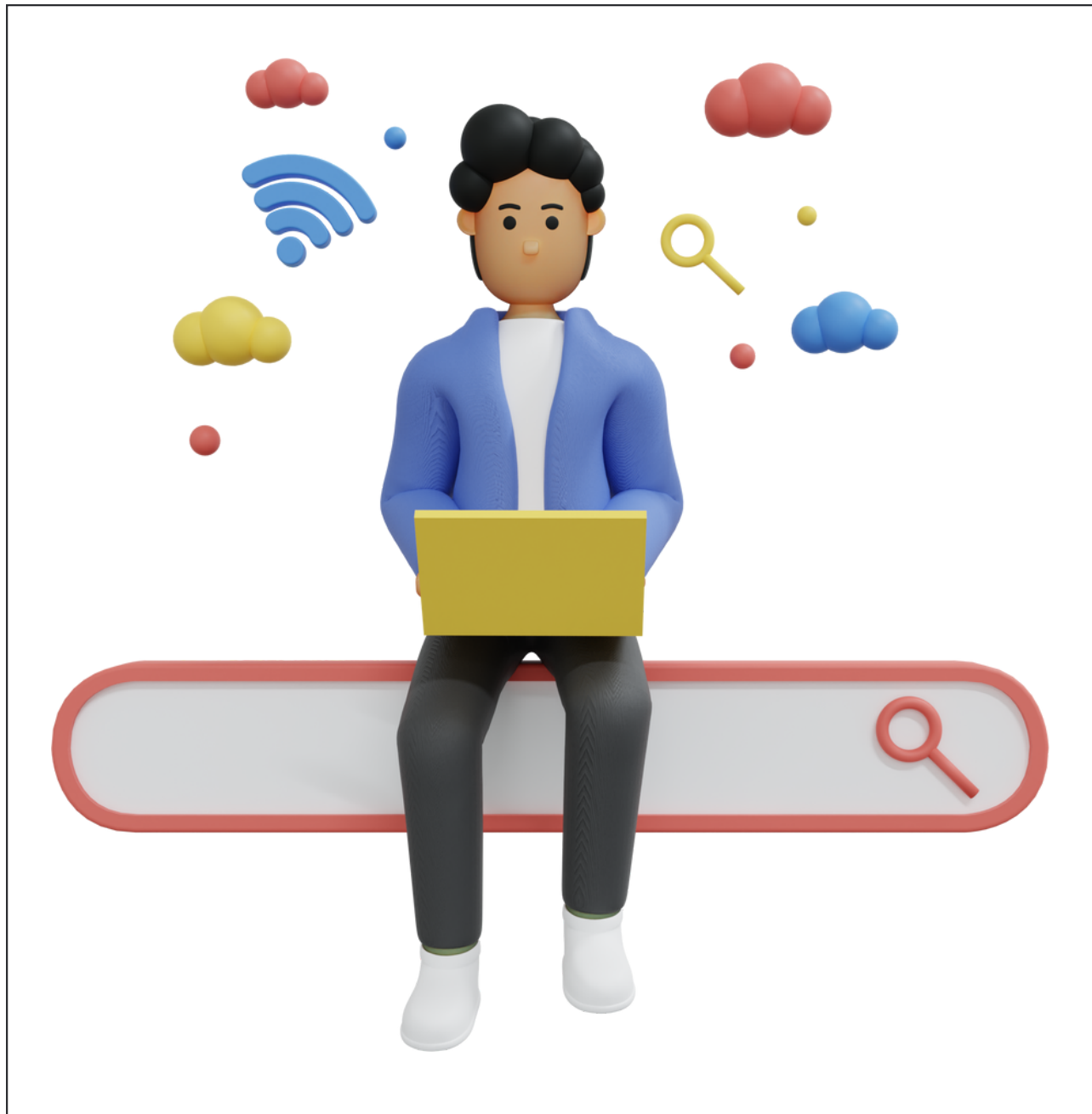- People's erroneous perceptions can be discouraging

"a global transition to 100% open access has the potential to make our world a better place to live..."

Vandegrift, M. (2019, January 18). Plan S: An American Librarian in the Netherlands. Medium. https://medium.com/@mlvandeg/plan-s-f58bca7a4303

OPEN ACCESS JOURNALS

- Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ)
- Open Access Scholarly Publishing Association (OASPA)
- African Journals Online (AJOL)
- Library Publishers

OPEN ACCESS SUPPORT AT TXST

- Open access journal publishing using Open Journal Systems
- Digital exhibit curation using Omeka S
- Open Educational Resource (OER) publishing using Pressbooks
- Institutional Repository, Research and Scholarship
- Researcher profile consultations
- Persistent identifier minting
- Visibility and impact consulations

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OUR JOURNALS

Featured Journals

Electronic Journal of Differential Equations 🔗

Journal of College Academic Support Programs 🔗

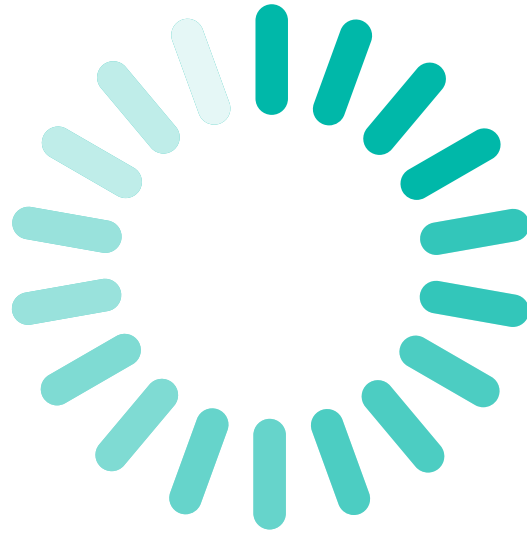Journal of Gods and Monsters 🔗

Journal of Research on Women and Gender 🔗

Louder Than Words 🔗

Reviews: The Journal of Journal Reviews 🔗

The Southwestern Mass Communication Journal 🔗

World Journal for Sand Therapy Practice 🔗

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TXSTUR - Texas State Undergraduate Research Journal

texture - A Journal of humanistic inquiry

Journal of Veterans Experiences
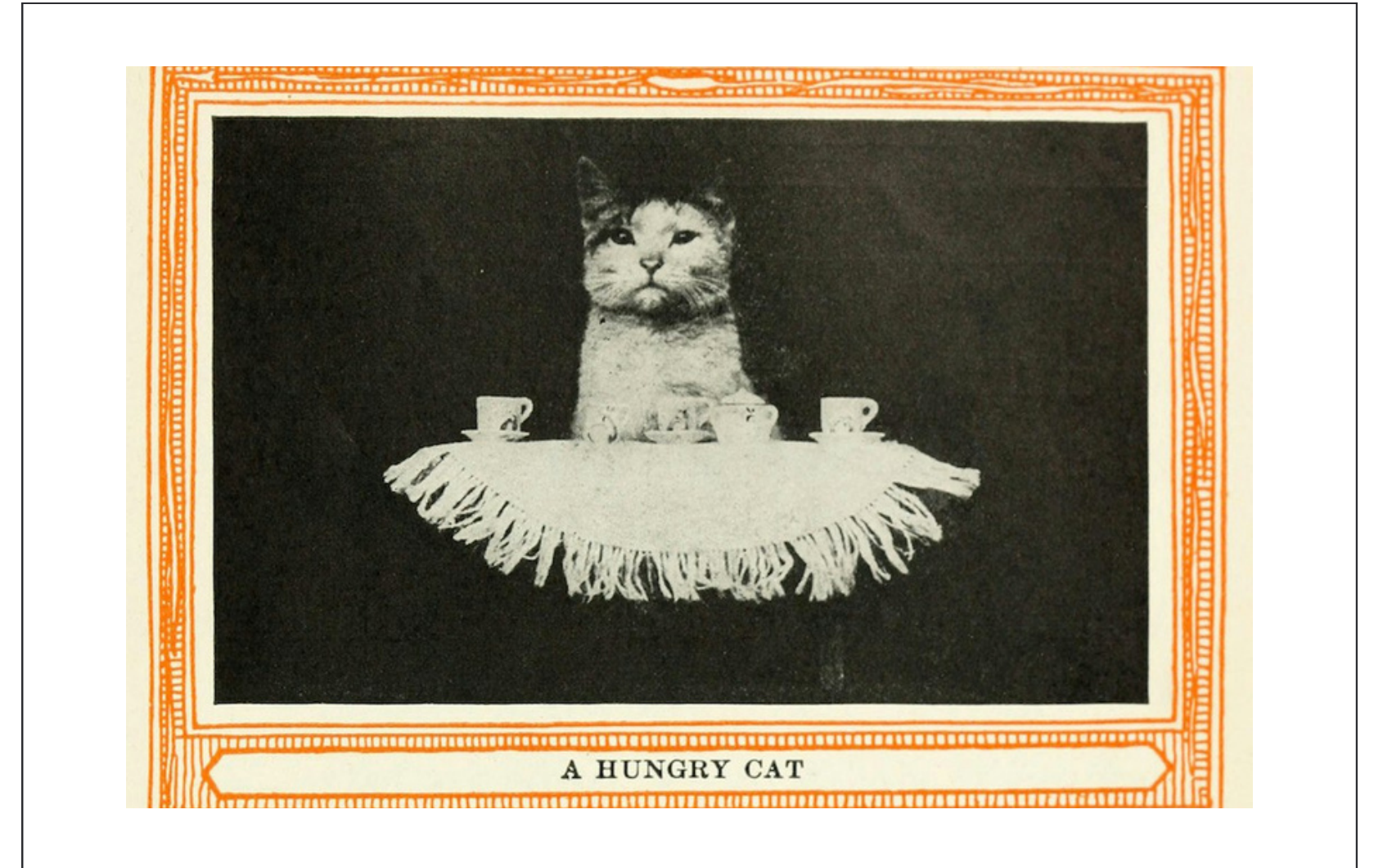
PREDATORY PUBLISHING

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"Predatory journals and publishers are entities that prioritize self-interest at the expense of scholarship and are characterized by false or misleading information, deviation from best editorial and publications practices, a lack of transparency, and/or the use of aggressive and indiscriminate solicitation practices."

Grudniewicz, A., Moher, D., Cobey, K. D., Bryson, G. L., Cukier, S., Allen, K., ... & Ciro, J. B. (2019). Predatory journals: No definition, no defence. Science (576)7786. pp. 210-212.

SIGNS OF PREDATORS

Predatory publishers employ deceptive or unethical practices to profit from publishing scholarly work
- journal names or websites that are similar to established journals and could be mistaken
- lack of transparency about policies, location, and staff
- mass emails or invitations to submit or join the editorial board
- misleading claims about peer review, impact factors, or editorial board members
- author fees for editorial and publishing services, without the services being provided

AVOID:

- ❌ Manuscript solicitation via email
- ❌ High article processing fees
- ❌ Extremely fast peer-review period
- ❌ Short time to publication
- ❌ Unclear or unethical author's rights
- ❌ Websites that contain ads, spelling errors, or unprofessional content
- ❌ Lack of transparency
- ❌ Significant gaps in content publication timelines
- ❌ Not indexed in reputable journal databases

"Predatory journals are a threat to the integrity of science, and only exist to exploit academics..."

McGuinness, N. A threat to scientific integrity. Br Dent J 235, 162–163 (2023). https://doi.org/10.1038/s41415-023-6165-2

REVIEW

Search

Create a viable list of journals for you to submit to.

Evaluate

Review their policy, author's rights, recently published articles, reputation, etc.

Write

Complete your research and write your article.

Submit

Submit your work to the pre-decided journals.

Archive

Make sure you archive your work - consider using the institutional repository!

TOOLS

University Libraries- library.txst.edu

University Libraries Digital Publishing - https://www.library.txst.edu/services/research-services/digital-publishing.html

Publisher Tools
- Taylor & Francis Journal Suggester - https://authorservices.taylorandfrancis.com/publishing-your-research/choosing-a-journal/journal-suggester/
- Elsevier Journal Finder - https://journalfinder.elsevier.com/
- Web of Science Manuscript Matcher - https://mjl.clarivate.com/home

Evaluation Tools
- Think. Check. Submit. - https://thinkchecksubmit.org/journals/
- Retraction Watch - https://retractionwatch.com/

Metrics Tools
- Cabells - https://guides.library.txstate.edu/az/cabells-scholarly-analytics
- Metrics Toolkit - https://www.metrics-toolkit.org/

Open Access Tools
- Directory of Open Access Journals - doaj.org
- Open Access Scholarly Publishing Association - https://oaspa.org/
- African Journals Online - https://www.ajol.info/index.php/ajol

Thank you!

QUESTIONS?

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