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Information on publishing

- Sites with useful guides to publishing

Emerald:

http://www.emeraldgrouppublishing.com/authors/workshops/ggp_online.htm

- Taylor and Francis

http://journalauthors.tandf.co.uk/
- Springer
  http://www.springer.com/gp/authors-editors/journal-author

- Wiley online Library
  http://exchanges.wiley.com/authors/journal-author-guide_268.html
Journal/Publishers website have guides for authors

The links may be referred to as:

- Author guides
- Author instructions
- Resources for authors etc
❖ These sites give you information on what publisher’s expectation are.
❖ Each journal has journal specific instructions
❖ You must therefore refer to the journal site for the instructions and expectations of the journal
Instructions to authors are for example on:

- Subject/Geographical coverage
- Submission process
- No of words for Article and Abstract
- Structure of the abstract
- Format of the article
Font
Pagination (eg figures and tables)
File type
Referencing style

Nb: Refer to a previous issue of the journal for an idea of the kind of articles it publishes
Ethical issues

- The manuscript has not been submitted to more than one journal for simultaneous consideration.
- The manuscript has not been published previously.
- No data have been fabricated or manipulated (including images) to support your conclusions.
- No Plagiarism
- Consent to submit has been received explicitly from all co-authors, as well as from the responsible authorities
Finding the right journal

- Be realistic about where you send your manuscript for consideration for publication
- Do not send an interesting but specialized manuscript to a general journal that is looking for topics of broader interest or major scientific importance
- Discuss where you want to publish with an experienced colleague, either before formatting manuscript or at the very least before submission
Finding the right journal

- Aims and scope
- ISI Impact Factor (frequency with which the "average article" in a given scholarly journal has been cited in a particular year or period)
- Does the journal have an international audience?
- Is the journal peer reviewed?
• Who is on the editorial board?

• Is the journal available online?

• Is the journal published by an international association or learned society?
Sites for authenticating publishers/Journals

1. Social Science citation index

http://ip-science.thomsonreuters.com/cgi-bin/jrnlst/jloptions.cgi?PC=SS

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Sites for authenticating publishers/Journals

2. SJR (http://www.scimagojr.com/journalrank.php)
3. SNIP (http://www.journalmetrics.com/snip.php)
4. SherpaRomeo (http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/)
Sites for authenticating publishers/Journals


How to avoid a scam
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1. When you google the title of the journal, is the first hit the journal website, or is it a blog discussing why this journal is a fraud?

2. Take a look at the journal website.
3. Is it transparent about any author fees and the peer review process?

4. Check whether the journal is listed in the Directory of Open Access Journals. If not, it’s not a recognized open access journal.
5. Check to see if this journal is listed in mainstream library journal databases.

6. Check whether the publisher appears in Beall’s List of **Predatory Publishers**.

7. Another good test is whether the publisher is a member of the **Open Access Publishers Association**.
8. Ask whether the journal website promises more than it can reasonably deliver.

9. Ask a subject specialist for assistance.

10. Has the journal published any issues? Read an article or two and assess for yourself.
11. Searching in the box marked “Search this journal” on the journal web page for the name of an author of an article in a recent issue of the journal does not return any hits.

12. No specific person is identified as the editor of the journal

13. The journal should have a physical address
• beware of unsolicited offers to publish your thesis!
• Use common sense, as you would when shopping online: if something looks fishy, proceed with caution!
• in doubt? talk with your supervisor, or the Library.
IF IT'S TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE, IT USUALLY IS.
Don't be fooled. If something sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
Links to Blacklisted Journals

- [http://allfakejournals.blogspot.com/](http://allfakejournals.blogspot.com/)
- [http://www.academia.edu/9631250/Blacklisted_Journals](http://www.academia.edu/9631250/Blacklisted_Journals)
Misleading Metrics

A list of questionable companies that purport to provide valid scholarly metrics at the researcher, article, or journal level.

http://scholarlyoa.com/other-pages/misleading-metrics/
Hijacked Journals List

- list includes journals for which someone has created a counterfeit website, stealing the journal’s identity and soliciting articles submissions using the author-pays model (gold open-access).

PREDATORY STANDALONE JOURNALS

- LIST OF STANDALONE JOURNALS

- http://scholarlyoa.com/individual-journals/
References

- http://i.bnet.com/blogs/scam51.jpg
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Thank you!

Any questions or remarks?