What is Paperity?

**Paperity** ([www.paperity.org](http://www.paperity.org)) is the first multi-disciplinary aggregator of Open Access (OA) journals and papers, *gold* and *hybrid*. It:

- gives readers easy and unconstrained access to fulltext articles from thousands of journals and hundreds of disciplines, in one central location;
- helps authors reach their target audience and disseminate discoveries more effectively;
- raises exposure of journals, helps editors and publishers boost readership and attract new manuscript submissions.

Paperity is the way towards more efficient scholarly communication in all research fields, from Sciences, Technology, Medicine, through Social Sciences, to Humanities and Arts. We hope to include ultimately all Open Access journals and in this way give readers access to 100% of open literature in one place, without the hassle of navigating through a myriad of individual journal websites dispersed all over the web. We believe that Open Access is the future of scholarly communication and one day all academic publications will become open.

To learn more about our mission, visit the *About* page: [http://paperity.org/about/](http://paperity.org/about/)

Full list of **2,000+ titles** included already in Paperity can be found at: [http://paperity.org/journals/](http://paperity.org/journals/)
Why to join Paperity?

… Paperity is where the readers are!

Paperity will let your journal:

✓ Raise the exposure
✓ Reach new audience
✓ Increase discoverability
✓ Boost dissemination of articles
✓ Gain more citations and increase impact
✓ Receive more submissions of new manuscripts
✓ Help readers find journal articles, for many years to come!

Scholars highly appreciate Paperity and use the service intensely. Almost 100 news articles appeared in academic media and blogs all around the world after the launch of the service, for example:

- University of Cambridge
- Utrecht University
- Universidad de Navarra
- University World News
- Info Today
- many others ...
Papery sparks a lot of interest in social media, as well. Below is a small sample of what researchers and librarians say about Papery on Twitter:

Sue Kunda @skundalib · Oct 9
Game-changer!! Papery, the first multidisciplinary aggregator of Open Access journals and papers. papery.org #openaccess

Björn Brembs @brembs · Oct 11
Cool stuff. Papery is the first multi-disciplinary aggregator of peer-reviewed Open Access papers buff.ly/1yYc9JQ

Hardin Library @HardinLib · Oct 24
@PAPERITY, interesting well designed multi-disciplinary aggregator of peer-reviewed Open Access journals and papers. bit.ly/Zq8hk

Jordi Morató @jmorato · Oct 15
Genial! Creen un agregador d'articles científics en obert (queda fatal dir que se m'havia acudit a mi, però és cert) papery.org

AusGOAL @AusGOAL · Oct 17
Great new website aggregating open access papers and journals. Papery buff.ly/1rDu5PR "Never hit a paywall"

Teresa MacKinnon @WarwickLanguage · Oct 18
now here's a way to cross disciplinary borders #oer #oep papery.org

Dr. عصام عبید · Oct 24
المبادرات العربية في مجال الوصول الحر: Aggregator ... aioa.blogspot.com/2014/10/paperi...

Moreover, links to individual articles in Papery are frequently shared by readers in social media: Twitter, Facebook, Reddit… This boosts dissemination of the papers even further.
Discoverability. Paperity is indexed by Google and all other popular search engines. It has very high visibility in search engines, and additionally embeds bibliographical metadata in HTML code of its pages to enable article discovery by other academic services.

Partnerships. Paperity partners with EBSCO Information Services, a major provider of bibliographical services for academic and research libraries. Under this partnership, aimed at encouraging the use of Open Access resources among library users, Paperity informs EBSCO about all new journals that join the aggregator, and EBSCO includes them – together with hyperlinks to their profile pages – in EBSCO A-to-Z, a bibliographical catalog used by libraries and library users around the world to facilitate and manage their access to journals.¹

Impact metrics. Paperity partners with Altmetric, the leading provider of alternative metrics (altmetrics) of research impact. Under this cooperation, Paperity exposes metadata of all its articles for their identification, and Altmetric tracks social mentions of their Paperity pages and measures online attention they receive in social media (Facebook, Twitter etc.), with calculation of Altmetric score for each of them. If an article has been tracked already using other web addresses (outside Paperity), the mentions add to its existing score. Examples of Altmetric scores can be found here or here – observe the links inside some of the tweets pointing to Paperity.

Thanks to cooperation with Altmetric, every social share of a Paperity page increases the score of the paper and helps its authors demonstrate their impact and build their academic CV.² Alternative metrics complement traditional citation-based metrics, such as journal impact factor or h-index, and gain more and more popularity in academic institutions as a simple yet effective way to measure personal impact of individual researchers.

Publicity. Every journal included in Paperity obtains the right to use Paperity logo on the journal website and in any other promotional materials.

¹ Final decision about inclusion of a particular journal in the A-to-Z catalog lies in the sole discretion of EBSCO, and Paperity does not give any guarantee in this respect.
² Currently, Altmetric identifies papers by their Digital Object Identifiers (DOI), thus the integration works only for articles with DOI. We hope this will be extended in the future to all types of papers. We also plan to establish similar cooperation with ImpactStory, another leading provider of altmetrics.
What features does Paperity provide?

- **Profile page** for every participating journal, with a description, Table of Contents and a backlink to the journal’s original website.

- **Automatic indexing** of articles from journal website and their presentation in Paperity. All past papers get indexed right upon journal inclusion. Future ones are indexed immediately after they appear on journal website.

- **Origin** of every paper displayed prominently on the article page: with links to the journal profile and the *More from…* box that encourages readers to read other papers from the same periodical.

- **Discoverability.** All article pages in Paperity have bibliographical metadata embedded in their HTML code in machine-readable format required by Google Scholar and understood by many other academic services.

- **Recommendations** of related papers – generated by Paperity automatically based on full text comparison – are displayed in *See also…* box on every article page. Recommendations help readers navigate through large collection of papers assembled in Paperity, let them browse articles across different journals and find relevant papers easier. Moreover, recommendations let journals attract readers from other related periodicals – this is particularly useful for small titles, unable to build readership on their own.

- **Browse & Search.** All articles can be searched in full text and browsed. Advanced multi-criteria search will be deployed soon.

- [Soon] **Categorization** of papers performed automatically, by assigning every paper to one of 20 top-level subject categories. Articles browsable and searchable by category… Expected in mid-2015.

- [Soon] **E-mail alerts:** users can request that notifications (alerts) about new articles containing given keywords are sent to them automatically whenever such articles are indexed by Paperity. Expected in Autumn 2015.

- All articles once aggregated stay in Paperity for **perpetuity**!
What journals are eligible to join?

All legitimate scholarly journals are welcome to join Paperity. We expect that every journal employs honest business practices and provides quality control during article selection process. We reserve the right to reject those which:

1. do not provide quality assurance during article selection process or present misleading information about this process, especially the so-called “predatory” journals;

2. serve as a self-publishing venue for a narrow group of authors, who happen to be editors of the journal and who publish almost exclusively their own works, without external assessment of the articles’ scientific merit;

3. employ unfair business practices, especially with respect to authors.

Normally, we require that the journal has published at least 20 articles before it can be included in Paperity. This requirement can be waived for journals run by trusted publishers – those who already manage a number of other titles of confirmed quality.

We include articles that are freely available in full text, in the form of PDF files, each article published as a separate file with a permanent web address.

What are the technical requirements?

To make the inclusion process as easy as possible for editors and publishers, Paperity - in contrast to other Open Access indexing services (PubMed Central, DOAJ) - does not impose any technical requirements on journals, but instead adapts to whatever publishing technology a given periodical employs. We develop and maintain multiple dedicated indexers, for all different types of periodicals and different publishing technologies, including many of in-house production. In an extreme case, when the journal does not expose any standard API for metadata harvesting, we can index its papers directly from the website.

The above approach is very convenient for editors and publishers, as they do not have to make any changes in their online publishing systems, although it does require substantial effort from Paperity.
What is the cost of being included?

Papery's primary objective is to provide maximum possible dissemination for all authors and unconstrained access to literature for readers, thus, unlike traditional bibliographical databases, Papery is – and will always be – free to use for everyone. However, running Papery is not free. We believe that enhancing dissemination of discoveries and improving communication between scholars is a joint responsibility of all of us – journal editors’ and publishers’ in particular – therefore we ask you to pay a one-time Journal Processing Charge (JPC) upon inclusion in Papery (after the journal is accepted), to support Papery services for the benefit of the entire scholarly community.

JPC covers inclusion of all past papers and continuous incremental indexing of the new ones for at least 3 years3. The exact value of JPC depends on the type of journal, see below for details. If for any reason you cannot afford the charge, please ask for a waiver, partial or full, when filling out the submission form – above all we do not want any journal to be excluded for reasons other than scientific. Note that JPC pays off, because Papery helps the journal reach new audience, get more citations, boost impact and attract new quality manuscripts – not only today, but for years to come! In most cases, it is enough that the journal receives just 2-3 additional manuscript submissions thanks to Papery, in order to compensate for the cost of inclusion.

For those who appreciate rapid inclusion, we offer additionally a Fast Track option, which guarantees that the journal will get included in Papery in no more than 20 business days after submission, regardless of what publishing technology it uses. Without the Fast Track, we give no guarantee as to the time when your request is processed, since we have many pending requests and in the first place handle those which help us cover the cost of aggregation. Our target is to include 100% of open publications in 3 years.

### Non-commercial journals

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A “non-commercial” journal is the one that does not collect publication fees and is published by a non-profit entity, e.g., a university library or a non-profit learned society.

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3 Indexing can be suspended or terminated before the end of 3-year period if the website or publishing system of the journal has been modified in a way affecting the indexing process; or if the journal is no longer eligible for inclusion in Papery, e.g., serious concerns have been raised as to honesty or correctness of journal’s operations, especially with respect to article selection process and assurance of proper quality of published works.
Commercial journals

Journal Processing Charge: Average publication fee charged by the journal per single article, all types of charges combined (APC, handling fee, peer review charge, charges for extra pages and figures etc.), but not less than $299.

Reduced by 50% for hybrid OA journals where less than half of all articles are open.

Fast Track: FREE, if JPC paid in full.

A “commercial” journal is the one that collects publication fees (APC or any other form of publication charges), or is published by a for-profit entity.

How to apply for inclusion?

To request inclusion of a single journal, please fill out the Submit Journal form at:
http://papery.org/add_journal/

If you have any questions, or want to request inclusion of five or more related journals at once, please contact us at: services [at] papery.org.

Thank you for your interest in Papery and we are looking forward to successful cooperation!

– Papery Team –

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