UNIVERSITY JOURNALS
An open access publishing platform owned by universities, linked to repositories.

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Why Hasn’t the Academy Taken Back Control of Publishing Already?

Perhaps the academy has not taken control of scholarly publishing because it doesn’t want to.

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Academic publishing service - close to the universities

**Why?**

Publisher oligopoly, high publication costs
Slow move to Open Access

**Needed:**

To publish quickly and without bias
Transparency, research integrity
Support research evaluation
Owned and funded by Academia
No invoices to researchers
University Journals: a new OA platform

Not a University Press

Publishing close to the university
- Alternative publication platform
- Linked to institutional repositories
- Diamond OA

Complies with Open Science ambitions
- Publish all research products
- Plan S, DORA and OA2020

Efficient quality assurance & peer review
Aim: To streamline peer-review

Peer-review crisis
Lengthy time-to-decision
High rejection rates
Inefficient resubmissions

How:
• Fast baseline review for most papers
• Predictable outcome
• Option: traditional slow external peer-review

https://theconversation.com/the-peer-review-system-for-academic-papers-is-badly-in-need-of-repair-72669
Peer review

1. Researcher
2. Quality Assurance
3. Option: traditional peer review
4. Publication
5. Reader comments

UJ platform

Direct submission
Option: Ingest

University Repository

Crossref
OpenAIRE
DOAJ
Google Scholar
UJ content platform

*Article-first* presentation

Advanced search and accessible for [Google Scholar](https://scholar.google.com) etc.

Find articles based on:
- University, institute or consortium
- Review status
- Discipline or keyword

University homepages with featured articles

Collections and themed issues
Article page

The propagator of the finite XXZ-spin chain
Balázs Pozsgay, Lorenzo Pirolli, Erlo Vernier
15 December 2017

Maastricht University

Open reviews

University branding

Peer-Review Status

Alternative metrics

Metrics

Abstract

Introduction

Keywords
University homepage

Institutes

Collections
Development timeline

Thirteen universities are setting up the publication and dissemination process.

July 2019  PICA Foundation starting grant
October 2019 Preliminary plan & workflow
January 2020 Final plan + budget

Q1-Q2 2020 Tender and development
June 2020 (Beta)version of the platform

Q3-Q4 2020 Launch
University Journals

Academic publishing close to the university

University libraries supporting Open Science

Publishing with efficient quality control

Sustainable Open Access without APC

Meets requirements Plan S etc.

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