



Scholarly Publishing Resources

About This Guide

This guide highlights several resources that scholars may wish to utilize when investigating scholarly publishing submissions.

Quick-Tips

- All the resources below will have some limitations. You may end up having to look journal-by-journal to find specific submission information, but try the electronic resources below first.
- Print journals will often have information about the publication and its submission guidelines in the first few pages of each issue.

Electronic Resources

To access the following four resources:

- Begin at the Library Home Page (www.chapman.edu/library)
- Locate the Start Your Search area in the center of the page.
- Go to the Databases section near the bottom of the page, and use the drop-down menu to search for Databases by Title. Scroll down the alphabetical list until you find the resource you are looking for or simply choose the first letter of the resource using the "Choose letter..." drop-down menu in the upper-left area of the screen. Click "connect" once you locate the database you wish to use.

MLA (Modern Language Association) Directory of Periodicals

Description: Entries available here "list editorial addresses, phone numbers, fax numbers, e-mail addresses, frequency of publication, descriptions of the periodicals' scopes, circulation figures, subscription prices and addresses, advertising information, and submission guidelines. The directory also provides statistics on how many articles and book reviews the periodicals publish each year, as well as how many are submitted."

Method: Search for a specific journal title and look at submission details – this is the place that often lists how many articles are submitted versus published each year (rejection rates). You may also search by the index (click "indexes" in the upper-left corner) and select subject = Religious Studies (for example).

Ulrich's Periodicals Directory

Description: There are no rejection rates in this database, but it contains essential information including: whether a journal is refereed (peer reviewed), journal reviews, and where the journal is indexed – you may want to focus on a journal that is indexed in many sources if you want more exposure (e. g., Arts and Humanities Citation Index; Social Sciences Citation Index; Science Citation Index).

Method: Click "Browse" in the gray horizontal bar. Then click the link for "Subject." You can search by keyword or click a letter: "r", for example – you will see all subjects that begin with "r."

- **Or** - In the Quick Search area in the upper-right corner, drop the box down to select "Title (exact)" if you know the title of the journal you wish to search.

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- **Or** - Try an advanced search – click “Advanced Search” in the gray horizontal bar. There are options here to search by many different fields (title, ISSN, publisher, etc).

Quick-tip For This Database: Once you have a journal in front of you, have a look at the “Abstracting / Indexing & article access” tab for details on where the journal is indexed.

JCR (Journal Citation Reports)

Description: This database contains the number of citations for a given journal including most frequently cited journals, hottest journals, highest impact journals, most published articles, and “subject category data for benchmarking.” In general, the more a journal is cited, the more relevant it may be to that scholarly community.

Method: Select either Sciences or Social Sciences Edition (click submit) and then select an option: Subject Category, Specific Journal, All Journals, etc. This database is more heavily weighted towards the sciences, but you may still find some good information under social sciences. You can also check specific titles for citation analysis.

Cabell’s Directory of Publishing Opportunities

Description: Cabell’s “lists dozens of scholarly journals with their publication guidelines in the fields of accounting, economics and finance, management, marketing, educational curriculum & methods, educational psychology & administration, and educational technology & library science. The directory helps scholars identify journals for publication and guides users in evaluating journal quality. Entries include contact information, manuscript guidelines, acceptance rates, review process, number of reviewers and audience.”

Method: Select the appropriate subject directory link. Once the directory is up, you may search on one or more fields including specific topic, journal name, acceptance rate, type of review, publisher, etc. In your list of results, click the “Review” link to see journal specific publishing information.

The Journal of Scholarly Publishing - for tracking what’s new in scholarly publishing

Description: *The Journal of Scholarly Publishing* is described as “addressing the age-old problems in publishing as well as the new challenges resulting from changes in technology and funding. Some articles suggest ways to get effectively published in books and journals, while others address such topics as editorial and publishing policy, computer applications, electronic publishing, effective marketing and business management.”

Method: To access this resource, go to <http://cufts2.lib.sfu.ca/CJDB/COU/journal/144543> or use the Journal Finder on the Library’s Home Page. Select one of the links to a database that has the date coverage you desire, and then click into a specific issue or search within the publication.

Print Resources at the Leatherby Libraries

The Library Catalog contains books with information about both print and electronic publishing. From the library home page, try a keyword search of “scholarly publishing” in the Library Catalog search box.

Here you will find items such as:

- *MLA Style Manual and Guide to Scholarly Publishing*
- *A Guide to Publishing in Scholarly Communication*
- *Publish or Perish--The Educator’s Imperative: Strategies for Writing Effectively for your Profession*

Additional Research Help

For additional help, please see the Reference Desk on the first floor of the Library. You may also contact the reference desk via e-mail at libweb@chapman.edu or phone at (714) 532-7714.

Descriptions in this guide are taken from the publishers’ websites and the Library’s website.

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