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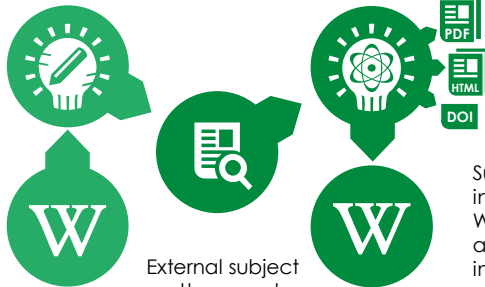
Summary

The WikiJournal User Group publishes a set of open-access, peer-reviewed academic journals with no publishing costs to authors. Its goal is to provide free, quality-assured knowledge. Secondly, it aims to bridge the Academia-Wikipedia gap by enabling expert contributions in the traditional academic publishing format to improve Wikipedia content. These contributions can be in a variety of formats (research papers, review articles, case studies, image galleries, etc.).

WikiJournals have published over 90 articles so far. They use open peer review for submissions, with both invited peer reviews and community review. After an article is published, appropriate material is integrated into Wikipedia pages. The journals are indexed in Scopus and DOAJ and seeking indexing in PubMed Central and Web of Science.

Process

Articles can be written from scratch or submitted straight from Wikipedia




If reviewers agree the article should be accepted for publication, then a stable citable version is published


Suitable content is integrated into Wikimedia projects: anything from a single image to the entire article content

External subject matter experts are contacted to critique the article

Article formats

We try to be flexible with authors on formats to suit what is most useful to them. Some of the most common article formats are:

Original research – The most common type of scholarly article, but a format otherwise unsupported elsewhere in the Wikimedia ecosystem. 

Case studies & teaching materials – Articles describing a one-off notable observation (more common in medical fields) or explaining a topic for teaching purposes. 




Literature reviews & systematic reviews – Summaries of existing knowledge, either as descriptions overview articles, or as statistical synthesis and re-analysis of existing data. 

Image & gallery articles – Either mini-reviews centred around a key summary figure, or a whole gallery of useful diagrams. These images are often integrated into Wikipedia, textbooks and other research studies. 


Translations – Articles currently must be peer reviewed in English, because the current pool of editors and potential subject matter experts to review articles, but authors can translate accepted articles into other languages. 

Benefits to Wikimedians & Wikimedia


Bringing in external experts as both authors and as peer reviewers gets knowledge from people who otherwise wouldn't have contributed. It also brings in help on some of the most complex topics and spot aspects that are out of date or unbalanced.

34 so far published articles submitted from Wikipedia



Submission of existing Wikipedia articles complements internal processes like Featured Article nomination. Submissions are treated the same whether they come from a professor, student or someone completely unaffiliated with a university or research institution. Some articles submitted from Wikipedia have had significant errors flagged by external peer reviewers. Submitting author(s) should be a significant contributor to current Wikipedia page, and all contributors are attributed via hyperlink. 

69 so far published articles integrated into Wikipedia

Broad review articles submitted by academics can be converted to Wikipedia articles after publication if they are close enough in style. Article sections and images have been integrated into dozens of additional Wikipedia pages and can be invaluable sources for complex summary diagrams or medical imaging. 


Benefits to Academics & Academia

Wikimedia ecosystem provides platforms with a much larger potential reach, exposure, and impact than traditional journals. It is also a familiar interaction, so a lower learning curve for contributing to a Wikimedia project. Works well for one-off contributors. The reward of citable articles that can be included on a CV can allow academics to justify the time taken.

Thesis 1-10	Median Wikipedia page 10,000 yearly
Median Journal Paper 800	Top 5% Wikipedia page 1,000,000 yearly
Top 5% Journal Paper 3,000	

Readership includes:
Researchers
Students
Patients
Journalists
Clinicians
Lawmakers

Ways to get involved

- 1) **Submit an article** to the relevant WikiJournal 
- 2) **Join the editorial board** and shape how we advance research and knowledge globally
- 3) **Volunteer as a peer reviewer** if you are an expert in the topic of a submitted article
- 4) **Participate in community review** such as content suggestions, copyediting and fact-checking

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