

Wikipedia contributions

In 2013, the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU) launched a project to help its researchers contribute to Wikipedia. Since then, SLU staff have contributed and improved the online encyclopedia Wikipedia by adding their expert knowledge. It is a major website where comprehensible knowledge is accessed by the general public. This document offers a FAQ for Wikipedia contributions from SLU.

Frequently asked questions

Anyone can edit Wikipedia, does that mean that anything can be added and included?

The Wikipedia community, the volunteers who edit and review the content, has developed strict guidelines and policies which guide and govern what can be accepted in Wikipedia entries. Content must be accurate, presented in a neutral point of view and verified by reliable sources and inline citations. Contributions which do not meet these requirements are deleted.

Who review Wikipedia contributions?

The reviewers are volunteer users from the Wikipedia editing community. They are often well versed in Wikipedia guidelines and they use these to review new contributions and suggest improvements.

Why does SLU want me to create a user account with my real name?

Showing your affiliation with SLU has two reasons. It displays that you have expert knowledge of your topic and that these are your good intentions with contributing to Wikipedia. Secondly, it is part of the terms of use of English Wikipedia to disclose paid editing. Other benefits may be that journalists may be able to find experts on a topic and you may also refer to your contributions as communication and dissemination activities in research applications. If you register with the wrong user name, you may apply to have it corrected, however this might take more time than on commercial websites, so take care when you register your account.

Why does SLU want me to use the SLU profile on my user page?

Since Wikipedia asks editors to disclose affiliations with employer and paid editing the SLU profile is an easy way for SLU staff to do just that in a standardized fashion.

How popular is Wikipedia?

Wikipedia is the seventh most popular website in the world. It is the only non-profit website in top 10 and it is free of advertising.

English Wikipedia has nearly 6 million views per hour.

How is Wikipedia funded?

Wikipedia is funded via crowdfunding, which means that readers around the world donate a small sum of money if they feel like it.

The crowdfunding campaign is organised by the non-profit Wikimedia Foundation based in San Francisco. Donations help run and maintain one of the most visited websites in the world.

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