# Introduction to DOAJ

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# What is DOAJ

# 1

- Not for profit initiative founded in 2003
- Based on quality and transparency inclusion criteria
- International team

  - Core team: 17 members

  - Volunteers: 15 editors, 114 associate editors

**2**

Indexed journals cover **80 languages** and **129 countries**

# 3

DOAJ is a live index; this means our criteria might change over time to reflect changes in publishing practices.
However, these changes will always be recorded in the Guide to applying and in our blog to maximize visibility

# DOAJ for different users

# 1

Detailed documentation available for various users:
- Publishers
- Librarians
- Institutions

# 2

In particular, DOAJ provides a detailed Guide to applying, a sample application form, information about the DOAJ Seal, and guidelines on best practices and transparency in scholarly publishing

All accessible from DOAJ / Apply

Also, technical documentation is available if you want to know how to export and manipulate data from DOAJ, under DOAJ / Documentation

# How to be indexed in DOAJ

# 1 Basic inclusion criteria

Full OA journals only (no hybrid, no delayed access, no registration to access the contents)
ISSN
Dedicated website

Open access policy
Aims and scope
Editorial board (inc. institutional affiliations of all members)
Instructions for authors
Editorial process (peer review)
Licensing terms
Copyright terms
Author charges

# 2 Basic inclusion criteria

- One URL per article, one PDF per article

  - This is to allow indexing from aggregators and to facilitate dissemination!

- At least 5 articles per year
- A new journal must demonstrate a publishing history of more than one year, or have published at least 10 articles

# 3 The benefits of being indexed in DOAJ

1. Reputation and prominence
2. Standards and best practice
3. Funding and compliance
4. Discoverability and visibility
5. International coverage

# DOAJ and questionable publishing practices

A dedicated team in DOAJ continuously checks about questionable publishing practices

# Questionable publishing practices involve:

1. Peer review process
2. Governing body
3. Editorial team/contact
4. Author fees
5. Copyright
6. Identification of and dealing with allegations of research misconduct
7. Ownership and management
8. Web site
9. Name of journal
10. Conflicts of interest
11. Access
12. Revenue sources
13. Advertising
14. Publishing schedule
15. Archiving
16. Direct marketing

# Some #s about DOAJ

# Over 17,000 journals
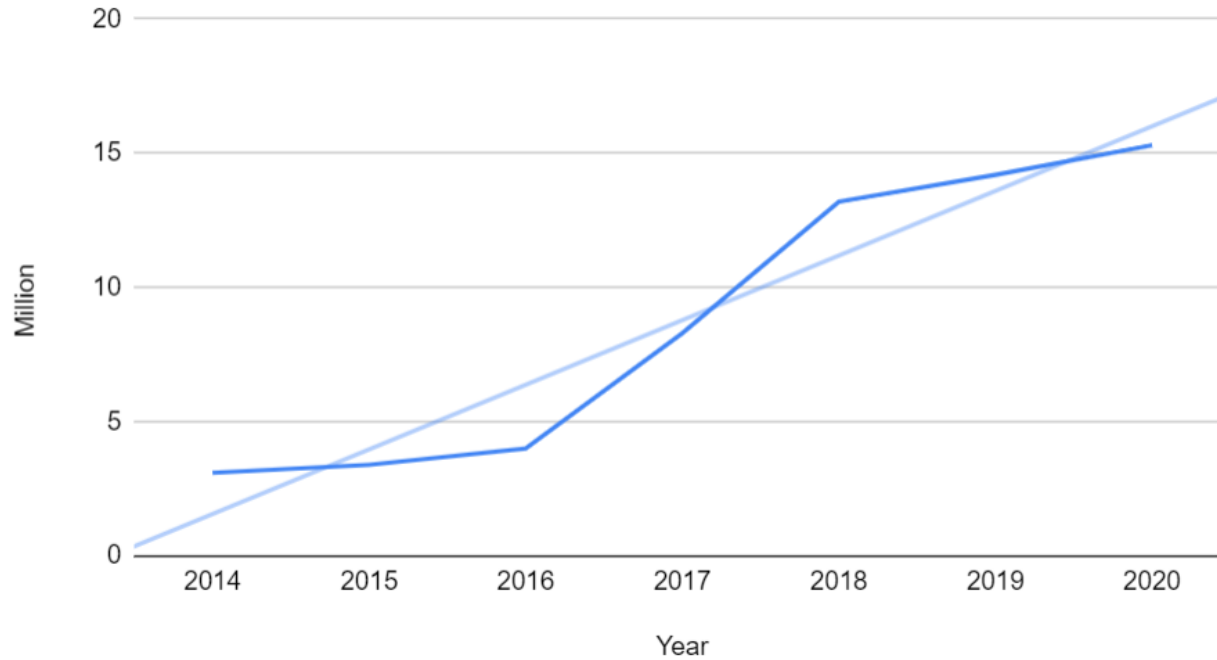
# Over 6,691,000 articles

# Ways to search

1.  Among articles

2.  Among journals

Chance to refine the search based on filters (specific for journals and articles)

# Usage of DOAJ continues to increase



Unique User Sessions

# 1

Greater discoverability on the **international** level

- ○ DOAJ generates between 35,000 and 45,000 user sessions per day (Google Analytics)

# 2

All the major **discovery services pick up our metadata**

- 75% of traffic to DOAJ is referrals
- Our metadata cascades into all the major discovery services across disciplines, languages
  - *Web of Science, Scopus, Primo, Summons, EBSCO, Google, Google Scholar, OCLC, WorldCat, Dimensions, university discovery systems.*

# 3

- Increased **traffic** to the journal site
- Increased submissions and/or published articles

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# Thank You!

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