

# Mastering DOAJ Inclusion: Achieving Open Access Excellence for Asian Journals

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# What we'll cover






- Why apply to DOAJ?
- DOAJ and diamond OA
- Application and review process
- Key points in the application

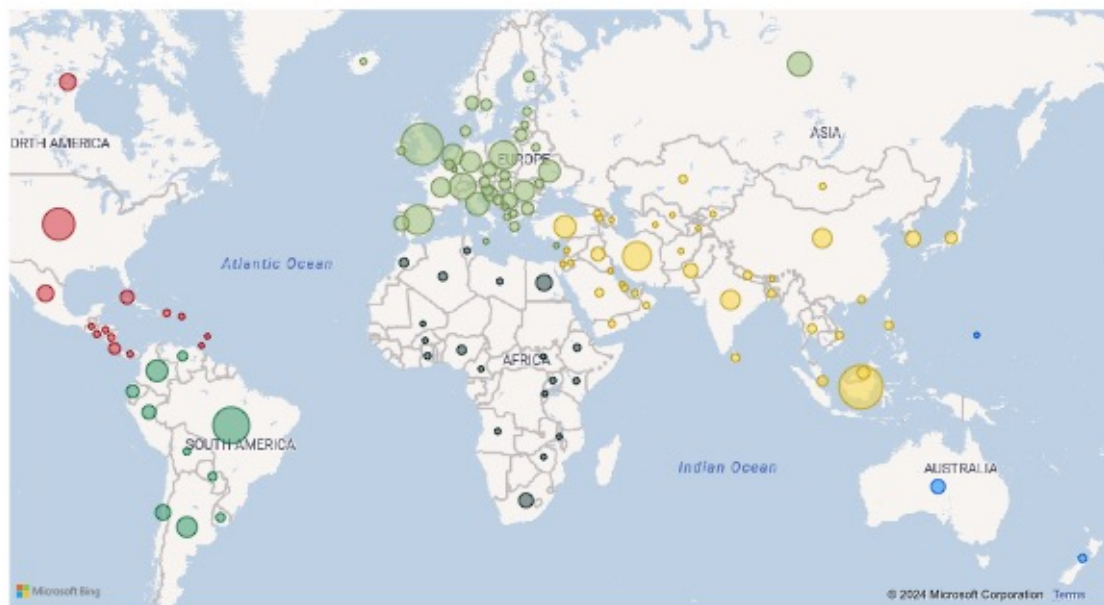
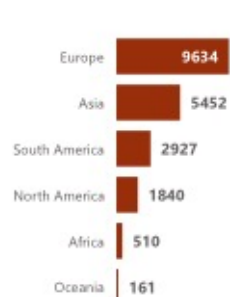
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# Why apply to DOAJ?



# Benefits of DOAJ indexing

-  Demonstrate your journal meets the OA “gold standard”
-  Higher profile and recognition
-  Enhance the reputation and impact of your journal
-  Increase discoverability in search engines and indexing services
-  Attract more authors and readers locally and from around the world



**Top 10 Countries**

| Country        | Journal title |
|----------------|---------------|
| Indonesia      | 2373          |
| United Kingdom | 2117          |
| Brazil         | 1573          |
| United States  | 1156          |
| Spain          | 985           |
| Iran           | 899           |
| Poland         | 877           |
| Switzerland    | 742           |
| Russia         | 602           |
| Italy          | 524           |

**Top 5 Publishers**

| Publisher                                | Journal title |
|--|---------------|
| Universidade Federal da Bahia            | 1             |
| "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University of Iași | 2             |
| "ASPECT-PRO" LTD                         | 1             |
| "Consilium Medicum"                      | 1             |

Countries

134

Journal Titles

20594

No APC

13584

Authors hold Copyright

12132

Filters

**DOAJ** Geographic spread of journals in DOAJ

Data collected from DOAJ 2024-07-02

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# DOAJ and Diamond OA



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67% of journals in DOAJ are without APCs

Asian journals in DOAJ without APCs: 60%

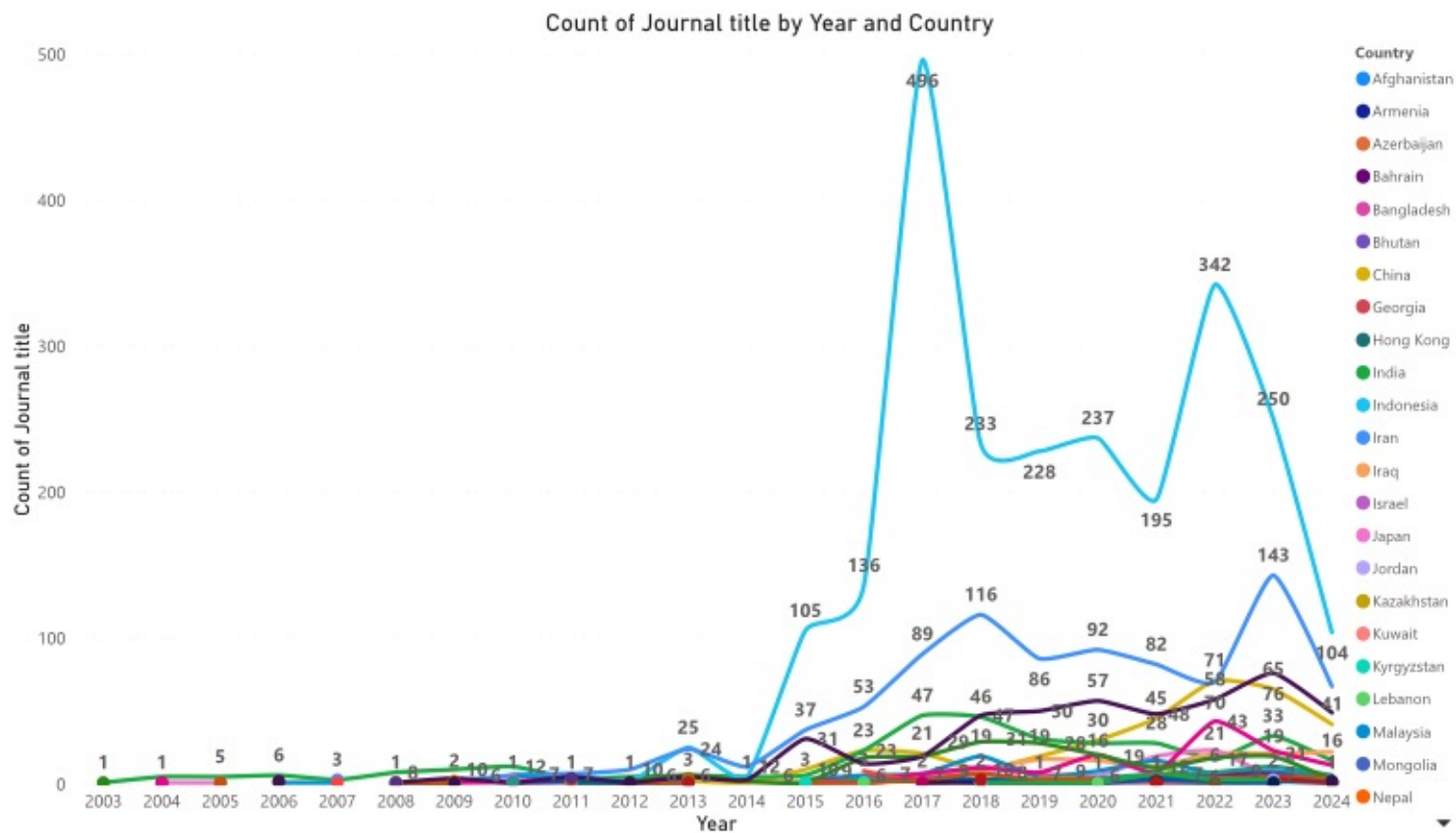




Year

Country

All



Countries

39

Journal Titles

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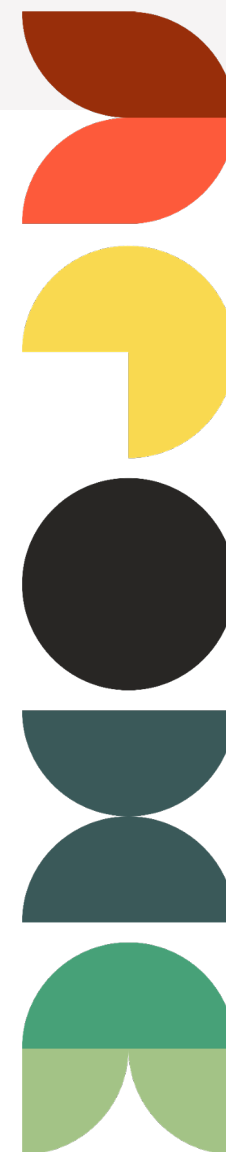
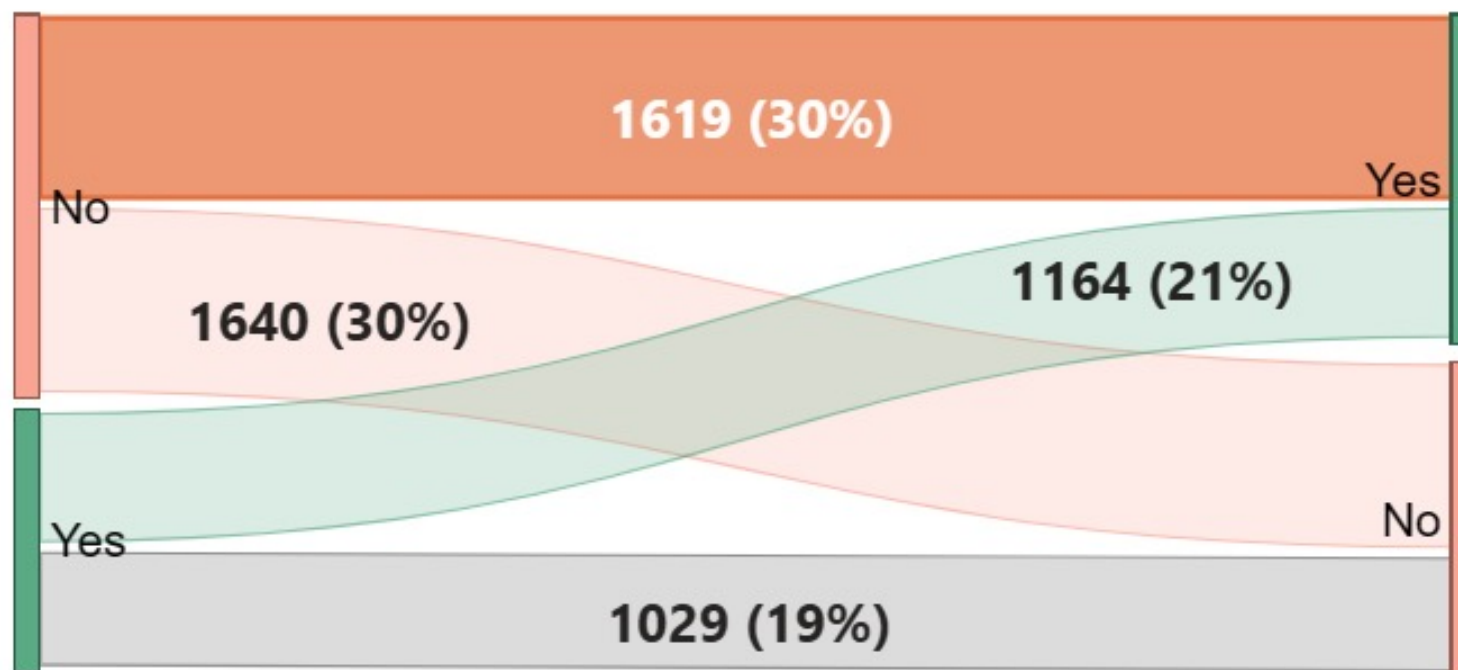
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## DOAJ and Diamond OA

DOAJ indexes *all types* of fully open-access journals, and supports Diamond OA in several ways:

- Highlighting Diamond OA journals in our communications
- Endorsing the Action Plan for Diamond OA
- Collaborating in projects like DIAMAS and CRAFT-OA
- Encouraging journal indexing in underrepresented regions



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# Application and review





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## DOAJ statistics 2023

**8000** applications  
& over **4000**  
update requests  
from journals

**24%** of  
applications  
accepted for  
inclusion

**12** editorial staff,  
plus over **100**  
volunteer editors



# Application review and decision



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## Initial checks by the Triage team

These checks include...

- ISSN(s) are fully registered at [issn.org](https://issn.org)
- The journal website is available
- Full-text articles are freely available without delay or registration
- Copyright and licensing information is given





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## Independent review

### **DOAJ volunteers or staff...**

- Check the application against the journal website
- May contact publisher/editor with queries
- May identify areas of concern
- Recommend to accept or reject



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## Final decision

### **DOAJ Managing Editor...**

- Reviews application and recommendation
- May undertake further review or return with queries
- Makes final decision to accept or reject



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## Feedback



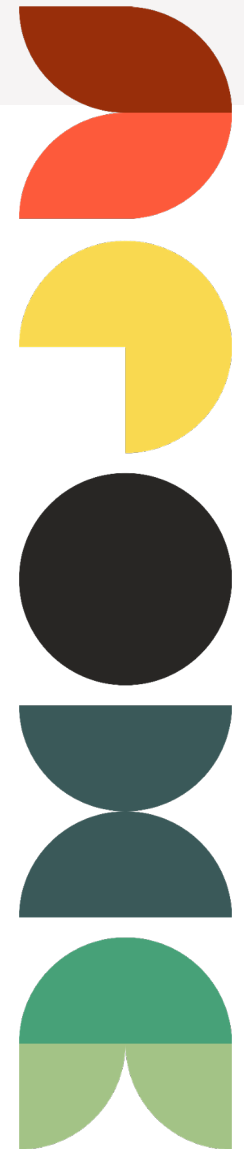
### **After final decision...**

- Automated email sent to journals accepted for inclusion
- Journals appear in DOAJ immediately
- Automated or manual email sent to rejected journals
- Publisher/editor must usually wait for 6 months before reapplying

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## Common reasons for rejection

- Not enough research content published
- Some full text articles unavailable
- Links given in application don't lead to the right information
- Required information is missing or unclear on website
- Licensing and/or copyright information is unclear
- Peer review issues/endogeneity



Average application  
processing time:  
**3 months**

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# Key points



# COPE, DOAJ, OASPA, WAME

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## Principles of transparency and best practice in scholarly publishing



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All journals need to **apply for inclusion** in DOAJ

The journal must...

- Be fully open access
- Be actively publishing peer-reviewed research
- Meet DOAJ basic criteria - check the [Guide to applying](#)







## In the application form

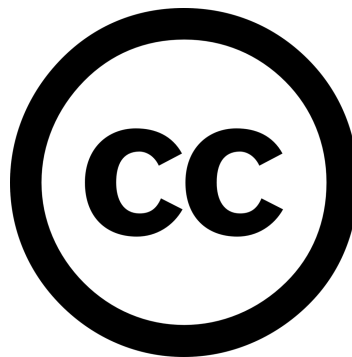
1. Open access compliance
2. About the journal
3. Copyright and licensing
4. Editorial policies
5. Business model
6. Best practice

# Copyright and License

Copyright Holder



Author



Applies to ...



Readers



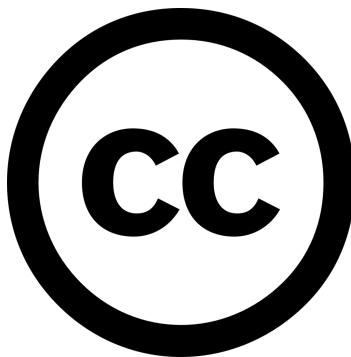
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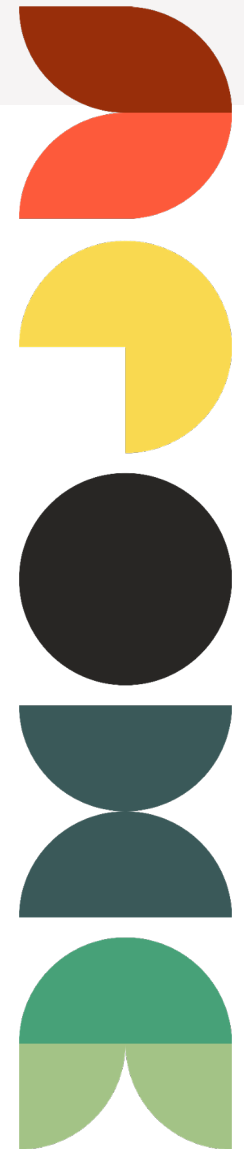


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## 5 Business model

- Does the journal charge fees for publishing an article?
  - Must state charges **even if zero**
- Waivers
- Other fees



# Community projects to support OA journals

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The OA Journals Toolkit is an online resource that provides guidance for new and established OA journals



PLACE is an online forum for publishers, editors and anyone involved in publishing. Launched and monitored by Crossref, DOAJ, COPE & OASPA



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JASPER is an initiative to preserve OA journals



Through a range of tools and practical resources, this international, cross-sector initiative aims to educate researchers, promote integrity, and build trust in credible research and publications.





# Thank you!

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