Journals Toolkit

Digital Commons provides tools that make journal publishing easy and efficient. The resources listed below are designed to provide helpful advice and concrete recommendations for getting started with open-access, electronic journal publishing.

Digital Commons Guides

**Digital Commons Journal Customization Guide**

**EdiKit™ Guide: Digital Commons Journals**
- [http://digitalcommons.bepress.com/reference/2](http://digitalcommons.bepress.com/reference/2)

**Video: Digital Commons Journal Design Tour**

Papers and Presentations

**Publishing Journals in Digital Commons: Set-up, Launch, and Beyond**
Wendy Robertson, University of Iowa
- [http://digitalcommons.bepress.com/webinars/10](http://digitalcommons.bepress.com/webinars/10)
In this webinar, Wendy Robertson, Digital Resources Librarian at University of Iowa, discusses specific steps and provides valuable advice for publishing a journal in Digital Commons.

**Library as Journal Publisher: Partnering with Faculty**
Wendy Robertson, University of Iowa
- [http://ir.uiowa.edu/lib_pubs/47](http://ir.uiowa.edu/lib_pubs/47)
This presentation outlines some of the basics of publishing journals through the library, including discussions of policies and planning, working with editors, and planning for the future.

**Open Access Journal Publishing at USF: How We Do It, Why We Do It**
Todd A. Chavez, University of South Florida
In this webinar, Todd Chavez explains how his team has successfully launched or migrated eight open access journals, including some with a publishing history of more than 40 years.
Case Study on the Development of the International Journal of Exercise Science
Scott Lyons, Western Kentucky University
▶ http://works.bepress.com/scott_lyons/5
This document is a summary case study on the origination, development, marketing and on-going management of this library-hosted research journal.

Jean-Gabriel Bankier and Courtney Smith, bepress
▶ http://works.bepress.com/jean_gabriel_bankier/2
Based on interviews with librarians currently publishing journals using Digital Commons, the authors discuss the multiple roles of the librarian (promoter, facilitator, technical support, sustainer) in library-based publishing. They make valuable recommendations about how librarians can help to promote and sustain digital journals.

Ten Challenges for OA Journals
Peter Suber
Peter Suber addresses the ten biggest challenges facing open access journals and offers solutions and alternatives to these.

Sample Policies, Templates, and Checklists

New Journal Startup Guidelines
Macalester College
▶ http://digitalcommons.macalester.edu/newjournal.pdf

UKnowledge Journal Proposal Form
Patricia Wilson, University of Kentucky
▶ http://uknowledge.uky.edu/uknowledge_docs/3

Memorandum of Understanding Sample Texts
▶ http://digitalcommons.bepress.com/collaboratory/20

Open Access E-Journal Hosting Agreement
Todd A. Chavez, University of South Florida
▶ http://digitalcommons.bepress.com/collaboratory/17

Journal of Western Archives Business Plan
Gordon Daines, Brigham Young University - Utah
▶ http://digitalcommons.bepress.com/collaboratory/4

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