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# Deciding Where to Publish or Present Your Work


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## 1. Similar Work

- Where is work similar to yours being published/presented?
  - Cited reference searching - Google Scholar, Web of Science, Scopus
  - Search [Purdue Libraries' databases](#)



## 2. Quality

- Are the articles peer-reviewed (or refereed)?
  - Journal articles - Purdue Libraries' database - [Ulrichsweb.com](#)
  - Conference websites



## 3. Discoverability

- Open Access - is the journal freely available to access online, or are you permitted to make a copy of your article freely available? What are the charges to publish? Is the journal "legit"?
- Where is the journal indexed? (check the Purdue Libraries' database - [Ulrichsweb.com](#))  
Are these common databases for the field?



## 4. Aim and Scope

- Does your work fit? Does their description make sense?



## 5. Journal Rankings

- Journal Impact Factor (aka JIF or IF) - measure of the frequency with which the average article in a journal has been cited in a particular year. Its used to measure the importance or rank of a journal by calculating the times it's articles are cited.
- JIF Calculation - based on a two-year period and involves dividing the number of times articles were cited by the number of articles that are citable.
- Example calculation - 2010 JIF of a journal:
  - A = the number of times articles published in 2008 and 2009 were cited by indexed journals during 2010
  - B = the total number of "citable items" published in 2008 and 2009
  - $A/B = 2010 \text{ JIF}$
- Locate JIF - Purdue Libraries' database - *Journal Citation Reports (JCR)*





## 6. Timing

- What is the typical turnaround time from submission to publication? Does this fit your timeline needs?
- Does the conference timing fit your needs?



## 7. Author Rights

- Get an understanding:
  - Purdue University Copyright Office: [https://www.lib.purdue.edu/uco/ForResearchers/author\\_rights.html](https://www.lib.purdue.edu/uco/ForResearchers/author_rights.html)
  - Big 10 Academic Alliance: <https://www.btaa.org/library/scholarly-communication/introduction>
- Sherpa/Romeo - view journal and publisher policies: <http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/index.php>
- Copyright agreements:
  - Request, if not available on the journal/conference website
  - Utilize the Big 10 Academic Alliance Copyright addendum (when needed)



## 8. Additional Conference Considerations

- Is this a well-known conference in your discipline?
- Do they publish proceedings or abstracts?
- What are your options for publishing the same or similar work later in a journal?
- What are the fees to attend/travel?



## 9. Getting Help After Today:

- Purdue Libraries Liaisons: <https://www.lib.purdue.edu/help/askalib/librarians>



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