



# QUALITY JOURNAL INDICATORS & TOOLS IN EDUCATION

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# Background

- Campus efforts to increase publishing quality and visibility of UND research
- Education faculty asked to create individual journal quality lists
- Research
  - Published studies providing alternative/customized journal rankings/ratings
  - Criteria for quality education journal evaluation (quality indicators)
  - Status of journals in various fields of education
  - Where to publish?

# Learning Outcomes

After this workshop, you will be able to:

1. Identify and use traditional tools that provide journal quality indicators
2. Locate and list alternative journal quality indicators
3. Identify top journals (at least 3) in your field/specialty with an accompanying quality indicator

# Workshop Activities

- Top 3 journals in your field with accompanying quality indicator
- Gather input for departmental guidelines on 3-5 quality indicators that faculty can choose from to make their journal quality lists

# Key Tools

- JCR: Journal Citation Reports (IF;JIF – Clarivate Analytics)
- CiteScore (Scopus – SJR;SNIP;CiteScore)
- Google journal h5-index/h5-median index (what is an acceptable h5-index for education journals?)
- ERA (Excellence in Research Australia) list of quality journal publishers

# About the ERA list

- Created by Excellence in Research Australia
- Widely known and utilized especially in Humanities and Social Science disciplines in Australian Universities
- Publishers included: global and North American
- A 'good quality' list but not a rating (A,B,C,D, rating scale last published in 2012)
- Deakin University provides a searchable interface
- Will be included in JCR as an indicator after the 2018 ERA is published
- Some faculty expressed concern with the Deakin search interface and finding journals in specialized education field

# Selection of Quality Indicators

- Traditional journal metrics: (e.g. JIF, CiteScore, SJR)
- Journal acceptance rates (Bracke, 2012) – 30% or less (Bray, 2011)
- Qualifications of members of peer-review board
- Ratings in published articles – how old? Paired with another indicator?
- Expert opinion of inclusion on a “core list” of journals compiled by experts (Bracke, 2012) - e.g. more selective than ERA – research articles, other university departments

# Journal Acceptance Rates

- Contact the editor
- Journal website – use Ulrichsweb Global Serials Directory
- Cabell's directory (CFL to trial in February)
- APA Journal Acceptance Rates



# Resources

- **Research Quality – Metrics** Research Guide (contains info on Book impact/quality):  
<https://libguides.und.edu/impact-metrics>
- **Publishing Strategies** Research Guide (contains info on predatory & quality publishers & ERA list):  
<https://libguides.und.edu/publishing>
- Scholarly Communication Suite of Research Guides for all topics: <https://libguides.und.edu/scholarly-communication-CFL>
- University of Michigan’s “Research Impact Metrics: Citation Analysis” guide – Google Journal Metrics tab:  
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