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Accredited journals

Accredited journals are recognized research output which meet specified criteria and therefore qualify for subsidisation by the Department of Higher Education (DHET).
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Accredited journals are recognized research output which meet specified criteria and therefore qualify for subsidisation by the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET). To receive subsidy or recognition for an article you have written, you should select a journal which is accredited from one of the lists below.

Please note: Listed below are the official lists from the Department of Higher Education and Training, as supplied by the UP Department of Research and Innovation Support.

Lists acknowledged by the DHET

2019 Lists

- Alphabetical integrated list of accredited journals for 2019 (including all 6 lists below)

- Clarivate Analytics Web of Science (previously called ISI) (2019)
- IBSS (International Bibliography of the Social Sciences) (2019)
- Norwegian (2019)
- SciELO SA (2019)
- Scopus (2019)
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Path to publication success

**Preparation**
- Training in critical reading papers, ethics, academic publishing
- Expert Scientific Review

**Journal Selection**
- Journal Selection strategy

**Writing**
- Training in writing, presenting
- Revising
- Editing
- Formatting

**Submission**
- Editing
- Abstract Development
- Cover Letter Development
- Reviewer Recommendation

**Peer Review**
- Training in navigating peer review
- Review Editing
- Point-by-point checking
- Response Letter Development
- Reformatting
- Peer review training

**Publication Success**
- Press release, news writing
- Media & presentation training
- Training in writing grant proposals
- Grant proposal editing

www.EdanzEditing.com
Choose your journal early

Aims & scope, Readership
- Topic/Discipline, Specialist vs Generalist, Reach, Cited in your paper?

Study type/length, journal type
- Theoretical, Computational, Experimental, Applied; By article type?

Publication speed/frequency
- Peer review type

Reputation
- Journal review quality, Journal indexing/metrics

Publishing model: Print/Online, Open access
- Author fees, Copyright, Permissions, Services

Acceptance rate/criteria
- Potential importance and/or Technical quality

"Journal Impact Factor" =
No. citations in journals indexed by Clarivate Analytics ÷ No. ‘articles’, past 2 years

Altmetric
(Alternative metrics at research output level)
Scenario 1

The journal considered for publication is known.

Evaluate it
Evaluate journals
- Journal Citation Reports
- Scopus
Journal citation reports
Welcome to Journal Citation Reports

Search a journal title or select an option to get started

Enter a journal name

Master Search

Browse by Journal
Browse by Category
Custom Reports
Web of Science subject distribution

- Science, Technology & Medicine: 64%
- Social Sciences: 24%
- Arts & Humanities: 12%
Journal Impact Factor

Citations for the JCR year (2018)

Articles over two years (2016-2017)

The Journal Impact Factor is the average number of times articles from the journal published in the past two years have been cited in the JCR year.
Submit journal title

Enter a journal name
MIS quarterly

Browse by Journal
Browse by Category
Custom Reports
The data in the two graphs below and in the Journal Impact Factor calculation panels represent citation activity in 2018 to items published in the journal in the prior two years. These detail the components of the Journal Impact Factor. Use the "All Years" tab to access key metrics and additional data for the current year and all prior years for this journal.
Quartiles:

- Q1: 25% journals
- Q2: 25% journals
- Q3: 25% journals
- Q4: 25% journals

Highest

Lowest
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Source Data

Cited Journal Data

Citing Journal Data

Box Plot

Journal Relationships
Evaluate journals
- Journal Citation Reports
- Scopus®
Scopus publications per subject area

- Life sciences: 17%
- Social sciences: 31%
- Physical sciences: 26%
- Health sciences: 27%
CiteScore metrics for journals and serials

Average number of times articles from a journal published in the past **three years** have been cited. For example, a 2018 CiteScore of 4.25 means that, on average, an article published in the journal in 2015, 2016 or 2017 received 4.25 citations in 2018.
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Evaluate journals by comparing the sources
Submit the journal name, search and identify it in the list of sources by clicking in the box next to the journal name.
Scenario 2

Identify a journal to publish in
Conduct a search in Scopus or any other preferred database

"sustainable development goals" OR SDG's

E.g., "Cognitive architectures" AND robots
Scroll down until you find ‘Source title’ under ‘Refine results’.
Investigate at least the top 5 journals for:
- Accreditation
- Journal impact factor
- Quartile
- Category
- CiteScore, Percentile and category in Scopus, if not available in the Journal citation reports

The numbers in brackets are the number of articles published on the topic.
Journal Citation Reports for the Impact Factor

Sustainability

ISSN: 2071-1050
eISSN: 2071-1050
MDPI
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TITLES
ISO: Sustainability
JCR Abbrev: SUSTAINABILITY-BASEL

LANGUAGES
English

PUBLICATION FREQUENCY
12 issues/year
Open Access from 2009

CATEGORIES
GREEN & SUSTAINABLE SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY - SIE
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES - SIE

Current Year  All years

The data in the two graphs below and in the Journal Impact Factor calculation panels represent citation activity in 2017 to items published in the journal in the prior two years. They detail the components of the Journal Impact Factor. Use the "All Years" tab to access key metrics and additional data for the current year and all prior years for this journal.

Journal Impact Factor Trend 2017

2017 Journal Impact Factor: 2.075

Citation distribution 2017

1  Article citation median
2  Review citation median

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CiteScore metrics for journals and serials

CiteScore metrics from Scopus are:
- Comprehensive
- Transparent
- Current and free

Use this page to find a source and view associated metrics. Use qualitative as well as quantitative metrics when presenting your research impact. Always use more than one quantitative metric. Learn more about CiteScore.
**Sustainability**

*Open Access*

**Scopus coverage years:** from 2009 to 2018

**Publisher:** Multidisciplinary Digital Publishing Institute (MDPI)

**ISSN:** 2071-1050

**Subject areas:**
- Social Sciences: Geography, Planning and Development
- Environmental Science: Management, Monitoring, Policy and Law
- Energy: Renewable Energy, Sustainability and the Environment

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**CiteScore 2017**

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\text{CiteScore} = \frac{\text{Citation Count 2017}}{\text{Documents 2014 - 2016}^*}
\]

\[
2.37 = \frac{\text{Citation Count 2017}}{\text{Documents 2014 - 2016}^*}
\]

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**Category** | **Rank** | **Percentile**
---|---|---
Social Sciences
- Geography, Planning and Development | #61/605 | 90th

Environmental Science
- Management, Monitoring, Policy and Law | #55/261 | 78th

Energy
- Renewable Energy, Sustainability and the Environment | #60/140 | 57th
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Scenario 3

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2. Identify category

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Create a list of journals by category.
Assistance in identifying a journal from publishers

- Elsevier
  https://journalfinder.elsevier.com/

- Springer
  https://journalsuggester.springer.com/
Predatory journals
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http://up-za.libguides.com/c.php?g=834649

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(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Predatory_open-access_publishing, accessed on 08/03/2018)

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http://www.library.up.ac.za/journals/journalasaccredited.htm

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https://thinkcheckssubmit.org/

Choose the right journal for your research

Also consider:

- Invitation to publish via overly flattering e-mails
- Deception/hijacking – they use the same title as a well-known existing journal
Things to consider

- Overly flattering e-mails
- Deception/hijacking
- Broad journal title
- Exuberant author fees
- High acceptance rate
- Rapid publication
- Publish without changes
- No ISSN or DOI
- Editorial board members
- Fake websites
- Proof of peer review
- Indexed by databases
- Impact factor?
- Trust your professional judgement
- If something feels wrong, it probably is!
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