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Publishing Guidance: Insights for International Authors

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Poll question #1:
In what region are you located?

Background on APA

-  Leading scientific and professional organization representing psychology in the U.S.
-  Founded 1892
-  170,000+ members
-  54 divisions representing subfields of psychology
-  Nonprofit publisher of journals, books, videos, databases, and the home of APA Style
-  Set standards for research, writing, and publishing in psychology
-  Mission: To promote the advancement, communication, and application of psychological science to benefit society and improve lives

Poll question #2:
How do you identify professionally?

Background on APA Journals



Publish 88 journals across subfields of psychology



Many journals published in partnership with external societies and APA divisions



20,000+ submissions per year



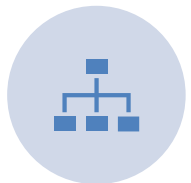
About 5,000 published articles per year



70,000+ Editorial Board members and reviewers



Citation footprint is more than twice the size of article output



Diversified publishing model

Poll question #3:

Have you submitted to and/or published your
work in an APA journal?

APA Journals Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Framework

Equitable content: Ensure our content is representative of all people and communities. Promote equity through the content we publish and the voices we amplify.

A diverse community: Diversify our community of authors, editors, and readers. Address systemic and institutional barriers faced by underrepresented scholars and researchers.



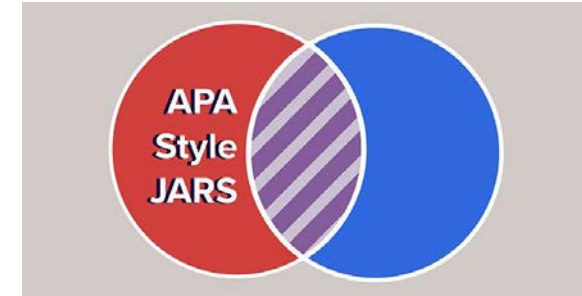
Inclusive science: Address inequities in psychological research through transparency and openness. Advance inclusive and equitable standards for research and publication

An inclusive publishing industry: Promote a more inclusive and equitable experience for underrepresented members of the publishing communities we belong to.

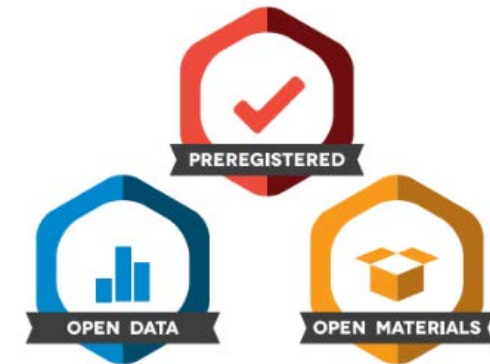
<https://www.apa.org/pubs/authors/equity-diversity-inclusion>

Equity Through Open Science

- [APA Style Journal Article Reporting Standards \(JARS\)](#)
- [Open science badges](#) – offered by some APA journals
- [Transparency and Openness Promotion \(TOP\) Guidelines](#) – Center for Open Science standards for transparent reporting
- [Contributor Roles Taxonomy \(CRediT\)](#)
- Preprints, e.g., The Society for the Improvement of Psychological Science's free preprint server, [PsyArXiv](#); see [APA's Internet posting guidelines](#)
- [Open access](#): APA supports multiple pathways to open access (e.g., APC OA, Read & Publish arrangements, Green OA, or self-archiving)



CRediT



Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Toolkit for Journal Editors

Second Edition

- APA Style's [Journal Article Reporting Standards for Race, Ethnicity, and Culture](#) (JARS–REC)
- Include community participation in research; avoid helicopter research and parachute science
- Honor Indigenous sovereignty in research, e.g., [CARE principles](#) for Indigenous Data Governance (Carroll et al., 2020)
(**C**ollective benefit, **A**uthority to control, **R**esponsibility, and **E**thics)
- Use inclusive language:
 - ❑ APA's Inclusive Language Guide (2.0)
 - ❑ APA Division 44's Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity Research Manuscript Writing Guide
- Consider writing positionality statements
- Incorporate equitable citation practices

American Psychological Association. (2025). *Equity, diversity, and inclusion toolkit for journal editors* (2nd ed.).

<https://www.apa.org/pubs/authors/equity-diversity-inclusion-toolkit-journal-editors.pdf>



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Why Publish With APA?

You don't need to be a psychologist or U.S.-based to publish with APA

If your institution is part of a Read and Publish agreement with APA: Open access at no cost

Nonprofit publisher: We give back what we make

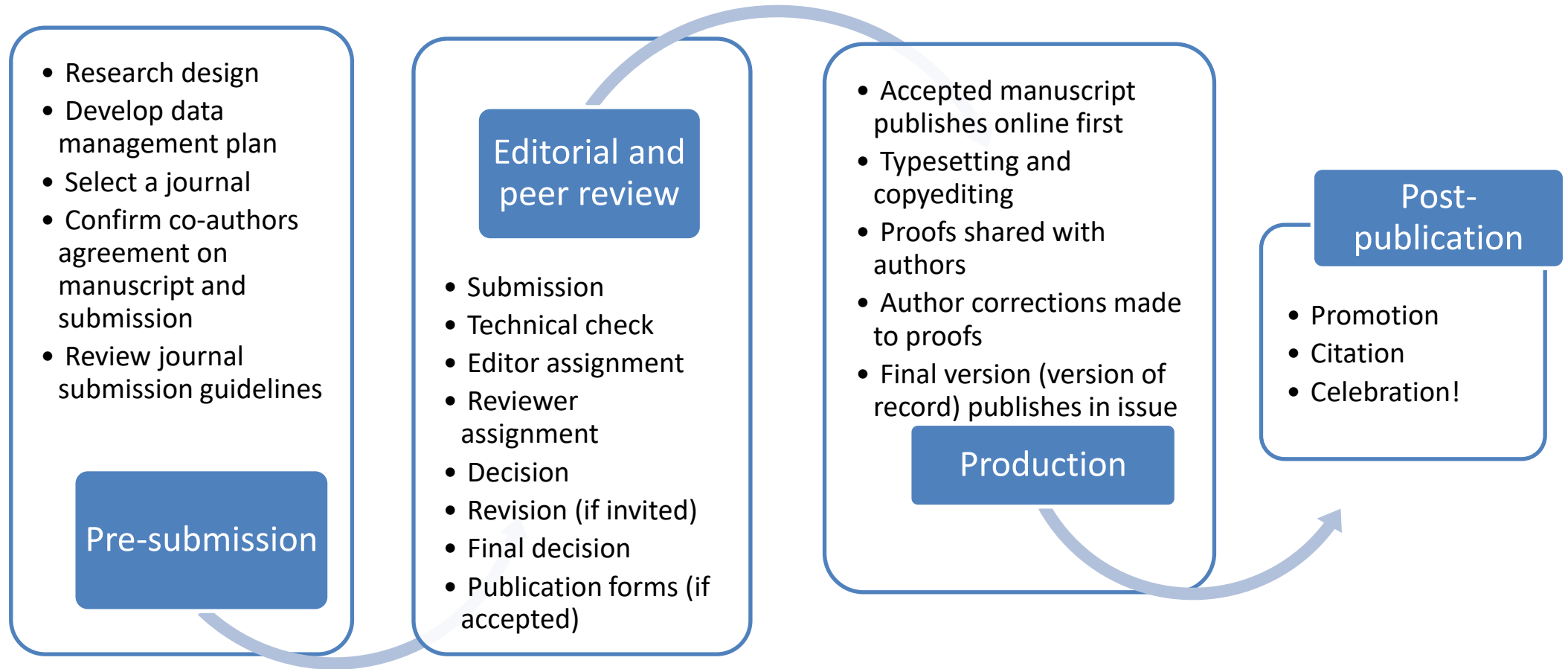
Benefit from expertise of editorial boards, reviewers, governance, and staff

Every published article is included in APA PsycArticles

Promotion opportunities for published articles

Opportunity to gain peer review experience

The Publishing Process



Poll question #4:
Have you faced any barriers to publishing?

Planning Your Paper

- Consider your research questions reflexively
- Read published literature to see where your work fits in and builds on existing science
- If have low resources for your study, consider collaborating with a team or conducting cross-cultural research
- Plan your data analysis before collecting data
- Develop a data management plan
- Develop your research plan
- Follow reporting standards (e.g., [APA Style JARS](#)) to ensure your manuscript includes items critical to transparency, reproducibility, and sound methodology
- Make use of academic writing and editing [resources](#) at your institution and elsewhere

Selecting a Journal and Preparing Submission

- Make a list of potential journals
- Review scope to determine fit
- Read editorials to understand the editor's vision for the journal and the field
- Browse sample articles
- Explore the [APA Journal Finder](#) to learn about features offered by each journal
- Optionally consult [APA's annual Summary Report of Journal Operations](#)
- View [APA's publishing tips on ensuring a journal is authentic](#) and use tools like [Think, Check, Submit](#) for identifying legitimacy of publishers and journals
- Confirm all co-authors agree with submission to a journal
- Consider submitting a paper proposal or abstract to [a special issue](#)
- Follow the journal's guidelines for cover letters, including statements that the material has not been published elsewhere and why you feel the paper is a good fit for the journal.

Before You Submit

Checklist

- Coauthor review and agreement
- Sign up for author ORCID IDs (<https://orcid.org/>)
- Secure permissions for adapted or reproduced content
- Data repository link (masked if applicable)
- Resolution of figures and tables
- Masked version of manuscript (for double-anonymized peer review)
- Double check submission guidelines for any journal specific requirements
- Include suggested reviewers

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Ensure your paper is formatted in the appropriate style for your field

Allocate time to upload paper and answer submission questionnaire

Submit to only one journal at a time

Editorial Decisions

Submitted manuscripts may be rejected on first consideration, rejected after review, rejected with the opportunity to revise and resubmit, or accepted.

- ❑ In 2023 the average rejection rate for APA journals was 70% (range = 48% to 93%) (excepting division and society journals)

If you are offered the opportunity to revise and resubmit:

- Provide a point-by-point response to reviewers
 - If you don't agree with a reviewer, courteously explain why
 - Ask a colleague to review your responses for clarity and tone
- Highlight or track changes according to journal preference
- An invitation to revise and resubmit does not guarantee acceptance but is encouraging

Summary



Consider an APA journal for your next manuscript



Submit to only one journal at a time



Confirm all authors approve each manuscript version and submission to a journal



Upload data to a trusted repository, or indicate why data cannot be shared



Be patient: peer review takes time



Rejection is common even for experienced researchers. View as an opportunity

Additional Resources

Writing and submitting your manuscript:

APA Journals Author Resource Center <https://www.apa.org/pubs/journals/resources/authors-resources>

Find a journal: <https://www.apa.org/pubs/journals/resources/find-journal>

Identify trusted publishers for your research (Think, Check, Submit): <https://thinkchecksubmit.org/>

Publication Manual of the APA, 7th Edition <https://apastyle.apa.org/products/publication-manual-7th-edition/>

APA Style Journal Article Reporting Standards <https://apastyle.apa.org/jars/>

APA Journals Reviewer Resource Center <https://www.apa.org/pubs/journals/resources/reviewers-resources>

Publishing Insider newsletter <https://www.apa.org/pubs/marketing/publishing-newsletter-sign-up>

Sign up for an ORCID Author ID for publication and citation tracking: <https://orcid.org/signin>

Open science:

Open Science at APA: <https://www.apa.org/pubs/journals/resources/open-science>

Registry of Research Data Repositories: <https://www.re3data.org/>

FAIR Data Principles: <https://www.go-fair.org/fair-principles/>

APA on data sharing: <https://www.apa.org/pubs/journals/resources/data-sharing>

COPDESS Fair Data FAQ: <https://copdess.org/enabling-fair-data-project/enabling-fair-data-faqs/>

American Psychologist

Flagship journal ♦ Membership benefit with a circulation of ~85,000 ♦ Nearly 100 institutional subscribers

13 associate editors-- diverse backgrounds and areas of expertise, 3 AEs and 1 art editor are outside U.S.

Broad pool of ad hoc reviewers; in past 10 years includes reviewers from 45 countries

Most authors have been in U.S., yet 34 other countries represented

A number of AP special issues have guest editors and contributors who are located outside U.S.

Publish in topic areas of national and international significance – science, practice, education, policy

Topics in Focus – Promoting Scholarly Discourse

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To expose or not to expose: A comprehensive perspective on treatment for posttraumatic stress disorder

Arielle Rubenstein, Or Duek, Jennifer Doran, & Ilan Harpaz-
Rotem ~ April 2024

Editor bias and transparency in psychology's open science era

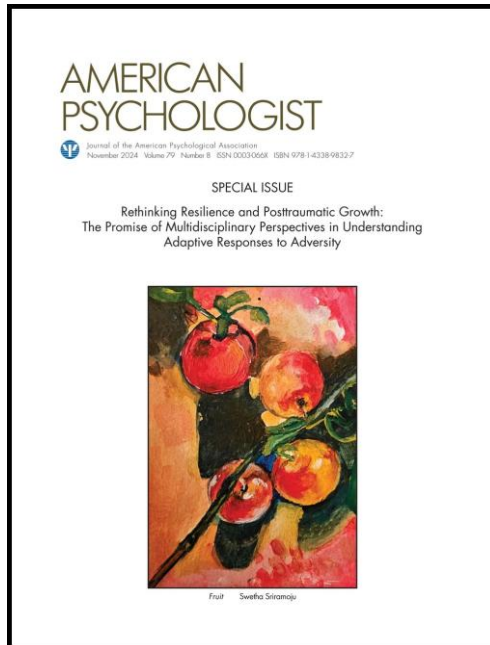
Donald Sharpe ~ October 2024

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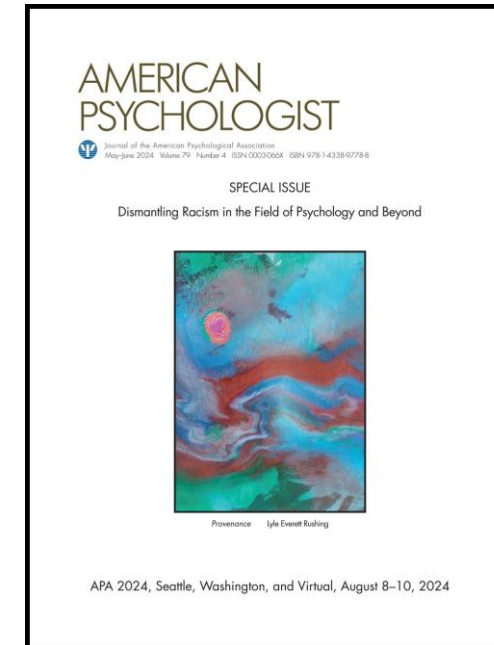
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