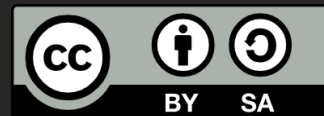


# Directory of Open Access Journals

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# What is the Directory of Open Access Journals?



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# About DOAJ - Directory of Open Access Journals

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A unique and extensive index of diverse peer - reviewed open access journals.

2

Mission to raise profile, visibility and impact of all quality OA journals, globally regardless of discipline, geography or language.

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## About DOAJ - Directory of Open Access Journals

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Our criteria are an unofficial gold standard for open access journal publishing, trusted across the scholarly community.

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Our services and metadata are provided completely free of charge to all.



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languages

136

countries

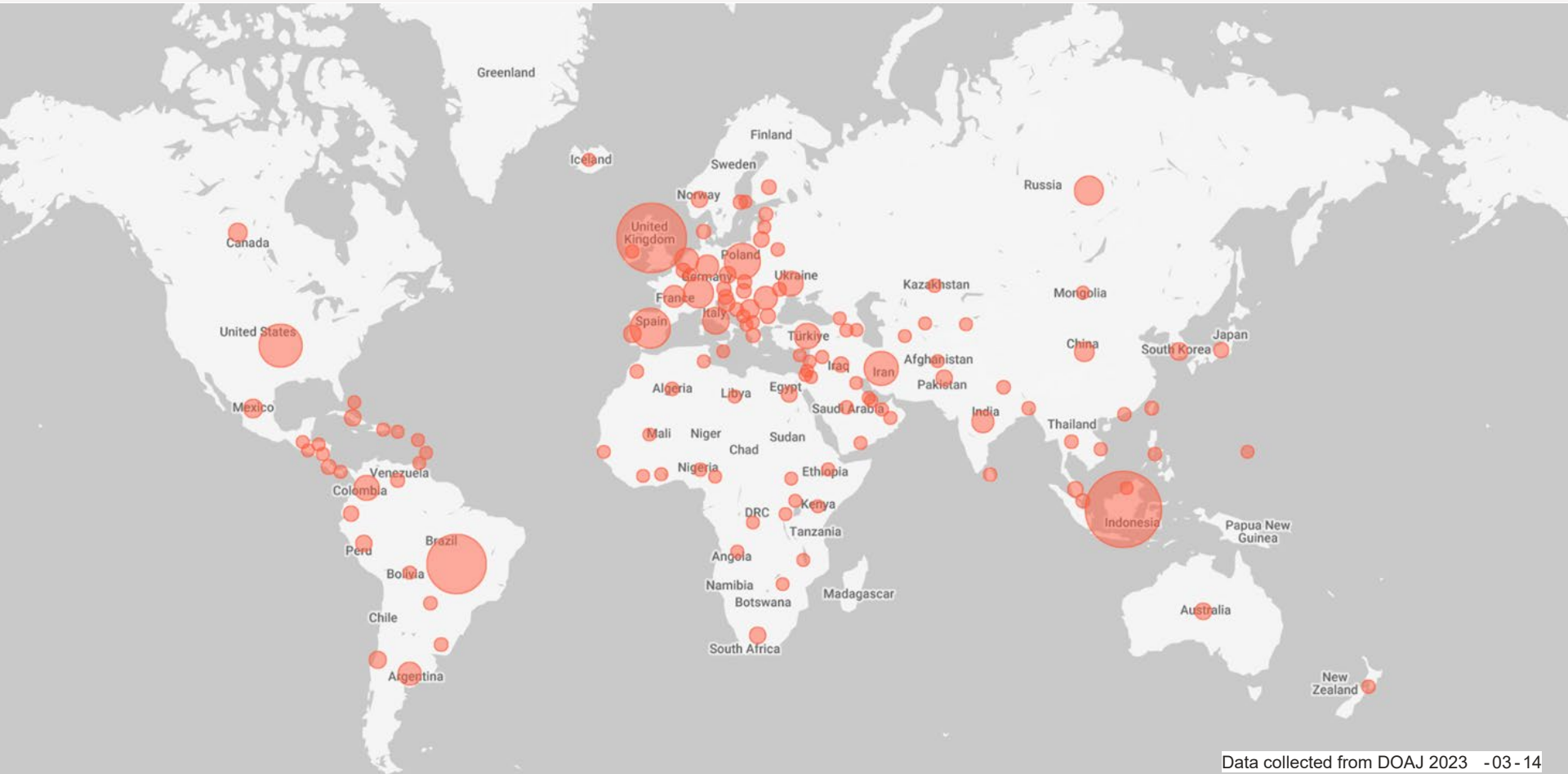
More than  
20,000  
journals



67% of journals in DOAJ are  
without APCs

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# Geographic spread of journals in DOAJ





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## DOAJ statistics 2022

**8,000** applications  
& **1,725** update  
requests from  
journals

**26%** of  
applications  
accepted for  
inclusion

**20** core staff, over  
**100** volunteer  
editors & **25**  
ambassadors



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## DOAJ as an open scholarly infrastructure...

1  
cannot be  
bought or sold.

2  
is committed to  
openness,  
diversity and  
accountability.

3  
has adopted the  
Principles of  
Open Scholarly  
Infrastructure in  
2022.

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collaborates with  
other open  
infrastructures  
to drive change  
towards an open  
and transparent  
culture.

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# Editorial process



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## DOAJ Review and decision



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How is DOAJ used?



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## How librarians and research support staff use DOAJ

- Our metadata is integrated with library discovery systems & gives users access to a more diverse range of content
- Our metadata is used in other systems used by libraries and enabling a transition to OA, eg. Unsub, Plan S Journal Checker Tool, Sherpa Romeo

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## How librarians and research support staff use DOAJ

- Source of trusted quality journals when advising researchers where to publish
- Checking for inclusion in DOAJ is embedded in Open Access workflows, i.e. allocating funding for APCs



Journals from societies and university presses



Journals from areas and languages under-represented in other databases



 **DOAJ**



Library discovery systems, services and advice



Diamond / S20 journals

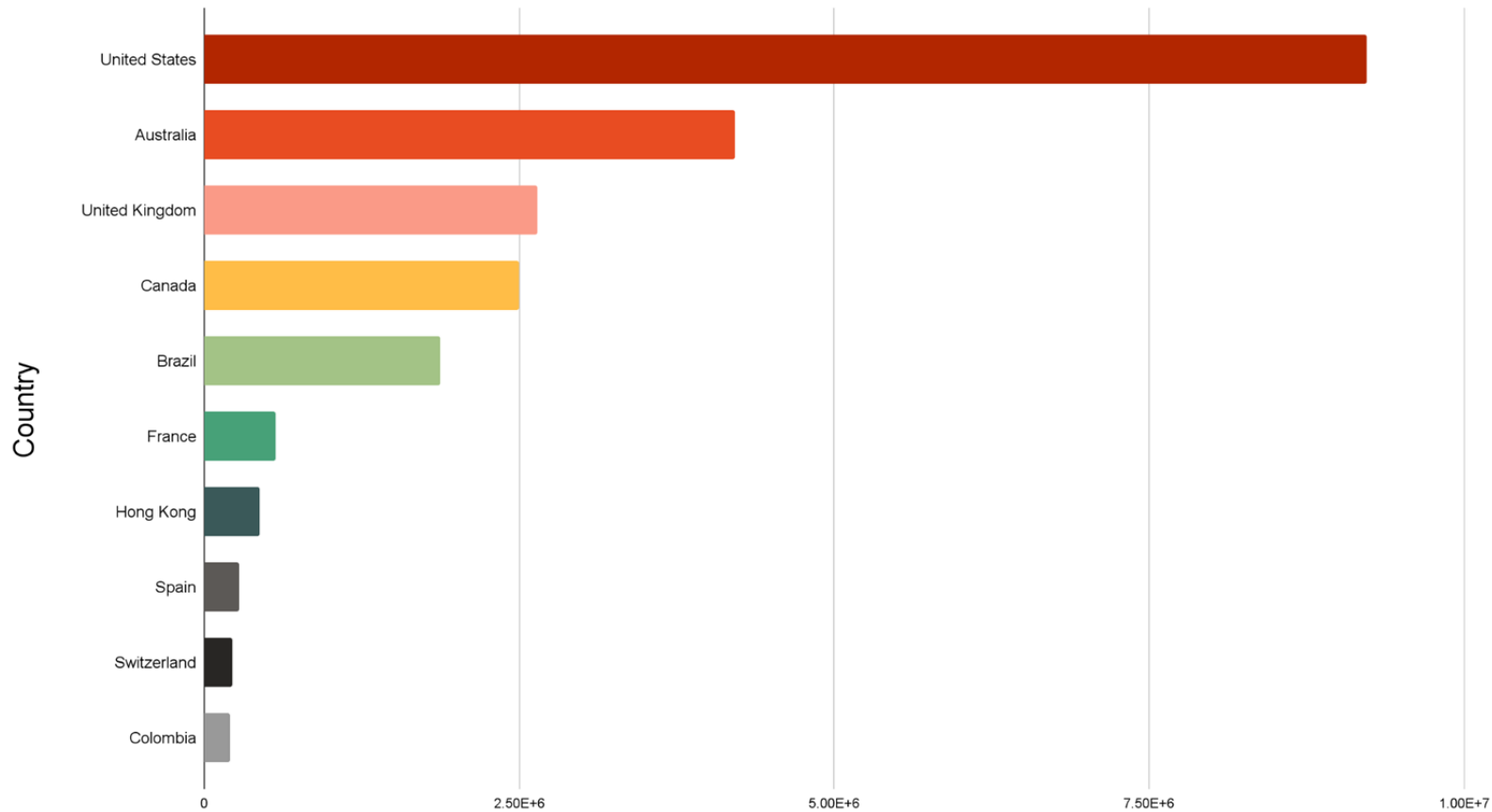


# DOAJ and Australasia

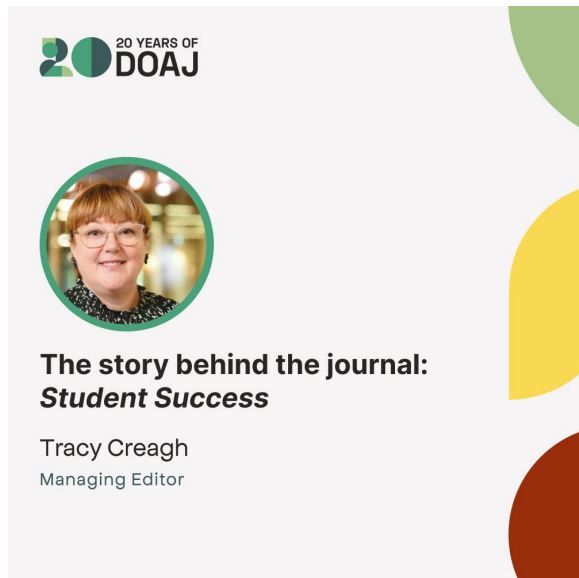




Top 10 countries - DOAJ usage from Ex Libris 2022-2023



## Journal stories series



Published in December 2023

157 journals

indexed in DOAJ

To comply with NHMRC's Open Access policy, journals **must be indexed in DOAJ\***

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\*if it is a fully OA journal. Checked via the cOAlition S journal checker tool

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# Our evolving role



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## DOAJ and Diamond OA

DOAJ indexes *all types* of fully open access journals, but supports Diamond OA in several ways:

- Endorsing the Action Plan for Diamond OA
- By highlighting Diamond OA journals through ‘journal’ stories
- Through Horizon Europe projects DIAMAS and CRAFT-OA
- Using our Ambassador programme to locate and encourage journal indexing in underrepresented regions

# Community projects to support OA journals

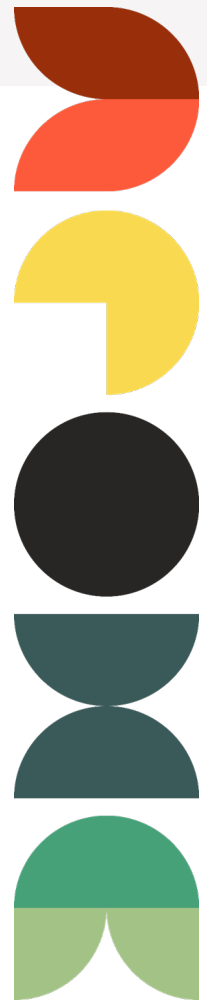
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The OA Journals Toolkit is an online resource that provides guidance for new and established OA journals



PLACE is an online forum for publishers, editors and anyone involved in publishing. Launched and monitored by Crossref, DOAJ, COPE & OASPA



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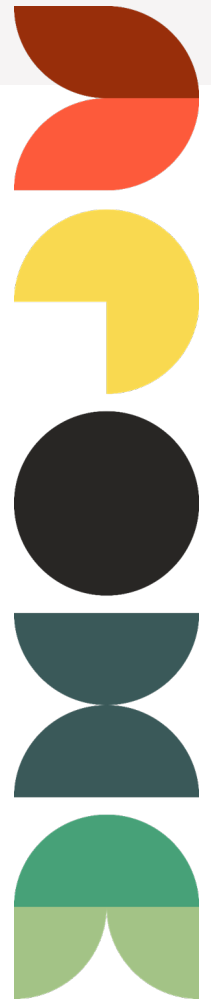
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JASPER is an initiative to preserve OA journals



Through a range of tools and practical resources, this international, cross-sector initiative aims to educate researchers, promote integrity, and build trust in credible research and publications.



The demand for our service is  
**growing**







Our specially trained quality team  
investigates **270 cases** of  
suspected questionable practices  
each year

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# Supporting DOAJ



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## How DOAJ is funded

80% of income from the  
community

20% of income from publishers

- 600+ University libraries from 36 countries
- 31 Library Consortia from 14 countries
- 10 Research Funders/Academies of Science
- 30+ smaller publishers
- 25+ larger publishers and aggregators

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## Creating a simpler supporter model

Our previous “basic” support level is not sufficient to sustain  
DOAJ

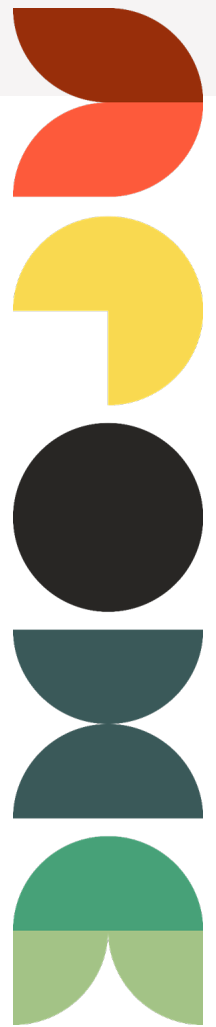
We have not increased our rates for three years

We are aligning with SCOSS - recommended levels for support

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## What does this mean?

- One supporter level from 2024
- A reduced consortial discount from 30% to 25% from 2025



# Our new library supporter rates

	Large	Small
SCOSS recommended annual contribution	€4,000	€2,000
Through CAUL(2024)	€2,800	€1,400
Through CAUL (2025 -26)	€3,000	€1,500

Special rates are available for libraries who supported us at our basic rate in 2023

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## Why support DOAJ?

1

Funding from libraries enables our commitment to being 100% independent.

2

Data and services can be open and free to everyone.

3

DOAJ has been created and is developed by the community, for the community.



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## Why support DOAJ?

4

Supporting open infrastructure is a strategic choice for libraries, and demonstrates a commitment to open research and a sustainable future for open infrastructure.

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Demand for (and pressure on) our services is increasing in line with the growth of Open Access.

# Questions?

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