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About the Royal Society

The Royal Society is a self-governing Fellowship of many of the world’s most distinguished scientists drawn from all areas of science, engineering, and medicine. The Society’s fundamental purpose, reflected in its founding Charters of the 1660s, is to recognise, promote, and support excellence in science and to encourage the development and use of science for the benefit of humanity.

The Fellowship includes over 60 Nobel Laureates.

This has been a landmark year for publishing at the Royal Society. We’ve strengthened our commitment to open access publishing with the announcement that our four primary research journals will flip to this model once 75% of the articles they publish are open access. We expect that the number of open access articles will increase rapidly as more authors fall under transformative deals.

Our first Read & Publish agreements came into effect in January 2021, enabling authors to publish with us at no cost to themselves. While this is our primary transformative model we also have other pilots in place including Publish and Read with Max Planck and a shared funding model with the University of California.

Institutions who are not quite ready for a transformative deal can continue to subscribe and support their authors to publish open access with us through our open access membership scheme.

Our conversations with libraries and with library consortia are incredibly positive about the move to open access, even when transformative agreements present a challenge to the organisation of library budgets and processes.

The journals continue to evolve. We have maintained our commitment to making work that impacts the COVID-19 pandemic freely available and there are now over 150 articles to read on our site. We have started to implement the CReditT taxonomy in our journals to better recognise author contributions and now publish Science, Society and Policy articles in *Royal Society Open Science*.

Over the last year researchers all over the world have had to adapt to working remotely, so we’re delighted that submissions and readership continue to grow at a steady pace despite different ways of researching and working.

*Dr Stuart Taylor*
Publishing Director

For more information and recent announcements, visit:*royalsociety.org/news*
Read & Publish

Our Read & Publish agreements were launched in 2020 and became active in 2021 enabling thousands of researchers to publish open access with no fees at the point of acceptance.

Institutions with a Read & Publish agreement pay one tailored annual fee based on subscriptions and APC spend. This fee entitles all researchers at the institution to access our content and covers the publishing costs for an unlimited number of papers.

This transformative deal was met with enthusiasm by consortia and librarians who value the simplified approach to access, open access publishing, and reporting.

A Read & Publish agreement will be most valuable for universities that subscribe to our journals and have high levels of research output published with us. Our broad scope and cross-disciplinary approach mean we can accept papers in many different scientific subjects. Transformative agreements create the opportunity to publish open access in subjects where funds for article processing charges have not been available, particularly for our History of Science journal, *Notes & Records*.

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- Proceedings of the Royal Society B
- Notes and Records: the Royal Society journal of the history of science

Published online only
- Biology Letters
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- Interface Focus

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4.9
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**In 2022**
Volume 9
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- continuous publication model, which allows immediate citation of articles
- publisher deposit of articles in PubMed Central
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6.411
58th in Biochemistry & Molecular Biology

**Citescore**
8.4
25th in General Biochemistry, Genetics and Molecular Biology

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Volume 12
12 issues per year
E-ISSN 2046-2441
Proceedings of the Royal Society A

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37th in Multi-disciplinary sciences

Citescore
4.5
22nd in General Mathematics

In 2022
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Impact factor
3.703
28th in Biology

Citescore
5.0
22nd in General Agricultural and Biological Sciences

In 2022
Volume 18
12 issues per year
ISSN Electronic 1744-957X

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Impact factor
4.118
19th in Multi-disciplinary sciences

Citescore
6.6
17th in Biophysics

In 2022
Volume 19
12 issues per year
ISSN Electronic 1742-5662
Themed issue journals
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Impact factor 4.226
18th in Multi-disciplinary sciences

Citescore 6.9
7th in General Mathematics

In 2022
Volume 380
26 issues per year
ISSN Print 1364-503X
ISSN Electronic 1471-2962

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Impact factor 6.237
4th in Biology

Citescore 10.9
7th in General Agricultural and Biological Sciences

In 2022
Volume 377
26 issues per year
ISSN Print 0962-8436
ISSN Electronic 1471-2970
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- fully peer reviewed to the Royal Society’s high standards
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Planned issues for 2022: *Prosopagnosia and the history of neuroscience and Cabinet, Elaboratory, Gallery 1500 – 1800* and *The Preservation of Art and Material Culture in Europe*.

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33rd in History of Science

**Citescore**
0.9
57th in History and Philosophy of Science

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Volume 76
4 issues per year
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ISSN Electronic 1748-8494

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