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A message from the Head of Publishing Operations

With over 360 institutions worldwide signed up to a Royal Society Read & Publish agreement in 2023, thousands of researchers can publish open access articles in the Royal Society journals with no fees at the point of acceptance. We have seen the number of open access articles increase rapidly as more authors fall under transformative agreements. By the end of 2022, we published the highest proportion of open access articles yet at 61%.

The journals continue to evolve. We are now collecting race and ethnicity data for authors, reviewers and editors to address potential biases in the publication process. We have launched a new scheme to reward peer reviewers with article processing charge discounts and we have extended content syndication partnership with ResearchGate with the addition of over 100,000 Royal Society journal articles to the platform.

We hope to further increase the number of institutions moving to Read & Publish in 2024 and to begin flipping our four main hybrid research journals to gold open access within the coming years.

Graham Anderson
Head of Publishing Operations

For more information and announcements, visit: royalsociety.org/news
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.

Images:
(Clockwise from top left) Royal Society journal authors, Charles Darwin FRS; Dorothy Hodgkin FRS; and Robert Mokaya FRS.
About Publishing

The Royal Society is committed to high quality, open and ethical publishing.

As the UK national academy of science, The Royal Society has a duty to hold ourselves accountable and ensure that the communities we serve can transparently see how we are supporting them as the research ecosystem evolves.

The Royal Society’s charitable status means that the income we generate goes back into supporting and progressing the global scientific community by funding the activities of the Society.

Community commitment
Royal Society Publishing supports the global scientific community by delivering a publishing process that makes publishing fair and equitable for all. Our Royal Society Open Access Equity scheme provides researchers in more than 100 low- and middle-income nations with automatic waivers for open access article processing charges (APCs) in all Royal Society journals and full access to journal content.

For more information, visit royalsociety.org/publishing-values
Transition to open access

As the national academy of science for the UK, we support open access and open science to maximise the dissemination and re-use of research outputs.

In 2021 we committed to flip our hybrid research journals to gold open access. *Proceedings A, Proceedings B, Interface* and *Biology Letters* will flip to a fully open access model when 75% of articles are being published open access.

We are pleased to report that across the portfolio we reached 61% open access in 2022, and our 2022 transformative journal targets have been met for all four journals.

For more information, visit [royalsociety.org/open-access](http://royalsociety.org/open-access)
Why authors choose us

Supporting science
As a society publisher and registered charity, our surplus goes back into the Royal Society supporting science through scientific meetings, grants and science policy.

Multidisciplinary science and multiple article types
We offer a range of article types across science, including but not limited to research papers, reviews, opinion pieces, evidence synthesis articles, Registered Reports, replications, negative results papers and theme issues.

Ease of submission and author care
Our submission process is simple and straightforward and we always respond quickly to questions. We offer free data archiving, high production standards and do not charge for colour.

Preprint friendly
We encourage researchers to deposit pre-publication versions of articles in appropriate preprint repositories. Many of our journals offer direct and seamless submission from bioRxiv.

Rapid, rigorous review
We offer high quality and constructive peer review by practising scientists, all of whom are experts in their respective fields. Our journals also offer options for open peer review.

Fast decisions and rapid publication
Manuscripts receive a first decision in an average of 3 – 6 weeks and, once accepted, are published quickly.
Eminent, international Editorial Boards
Our Editorial Boards are chaired by a Fellow of the Royal Society and comprise distinguished scientists in relevant disciplines.

High visibility and impact
Our content is highlighted across multiple online and broadcast media sources and we promote our journals at numerous international scientific conferences. Our articles frequently achieve high usage levels from an international readership.

Open access options
Two of our journals are fully open access, while all our other journals provide open access options. Our policies are compliant with all major funders and, under a CC BY 4.0 license, authors retain full copyright.

Plan S and OSTP ‘Nelson Memo’
Our journals are fully compliant with the OSTP ‘Nelson Memo’ and Plan S. Authors choosing to publish in one of our non open access journals should simply deposit their accepted manuscript in a Plan S compliant repository.

Open science initiatives
We support open science practices including open data, transparent peer review, replications and Registered Reports.

Inclusivity
We welcome submissions and proposals from scientists at any stage of their career, from anywhere in the world.
Disciplines covered and global reach

The Royal Society’s six primary research journals cover all scientific disciplines and publish high quality science from anywhere in the world.

PUBLISHED ARTICLES BY DISCIPLINE IN 2022

Total 2619

KEY

- Green: Astronomy
- Pink: Biology
- Purple: Chemistry
- Blue: Computer science
- Yellow: Earth sciences
- Grey: Engineering and technology
- Orange: Mathematics
- Light blue: Cross-disciplinary sciences
- Pink: Physics
- Brown: History of science
PUBLISHED ARTICLES BY ORIGIN IN 2022

USA & Canada
760

UK
608

Europe (inc Russia)
832

China
131

Latin America and Caribbean
57

Africa
26

Asia (excl China)
167

Middle East, North Africa and Turkey
59

Australia and New Zealand
157
Read & Publish

Launched in 2020 our Read & Publish model has seen over 360 institutions increase their open access output in our journals.

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

All of our journals are Plan S and OSTP ‘Nelson Memo’ compliant.

For librarians:
- One simple annual fee tailored to your institution.
- Full access to journal articles and backfiles dating to 1665.
- Perpetual access to content published in a year when the deal was in place.
- One-year deal reviewed and revised for following year.

For researchers:
- Only the corresponding author needs to belong to an institution with a Read & Publish deal.
- No fees or invoices, just opt in to open access when you submit and include your affiliation, and the system will do the rest.
- Uncapped open access publishing either across the portfolio or within physical or life sciences.

Contact us at sales@royalsociety.org and we’ll calculate your tailored Read & Publish price for 2024.

For more information, visit royalsociety.org/read-and-publish
Open Access Membership

Our Open Access Memberships continue to be popular with institutions who don’t wish to move to Read & Publish.

Memberships offer discounts of 25% on each article processing charge, making research grants and institutional open access funds stretch further.

With an Open Access Membership you receive:
• a straight-forward and manageable payment process, with regular reporting to help you keep track of your funds;
• a transparent pricing policy, ensuring that open access articles are not paid for twice; and
• immediate deposit in Google Scholar, PubMed, Scopus, Web of Science and other indexing and abstracting services.

Our publishing policies are compliant with Plan S, the OSTP ‘Nelson Memo’ and with the requirements of a range of funders including the Wellcome Trust, NIH, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, HHMI, UKRI, and the European Commission.

For more information, visit royalsociety.org/open-access-membership
Packages and prices
The Excellence in Science Collection
(Package S)

Support a broad range of scientific research
- Receive a 15% discount on the individual title subscription prices.
- Includes free access to our extensive digital archive from 1665 for as long as the subscription remains active.

Package S includes:
- Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society A
- Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B
- Proceedings of the Royal Society A
- Proceedings of the Royal Society B
- Notes and Records: the Royal Society journal of the history of science
- Biology Letters
- Journal of the Royal Society Interface
- Interface Focus

Pricing

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Please see page 18 for VAT details.
The Physical Sciences Collection
(Package A)

Specialist content for engineering, mathematics and physics research
• 10% discount as compared to individual subscriptions.
• Includes free access to physical sciences archive content from 1665, with an extensive collection of papers from the nineteenth century, for as long as the subscription remains active.

Package A includes:
• Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society A
• Proceedings of the Royal Society A
• Journal of the Royal Society Interface
• Interface Focus

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The Biological Sciences Collection (Package B)

Specialist content for biology and life sciences research, hospitals and health libraries offering:
- 10% discount as compared to individual subscriptions.
- Includes free access to biological sciences content in our digital archive from 1665, with an extensive collection of papers from the nineteenth century, for as long as the subscription remains active.

Package B includes:
- Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B
- Proceedings of the Royal Society B
- Biology Letters
- Journal of the Royal Society Interface
- Interface Focus

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## Single journal subscription

### Online only prices 2024

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<td>Notes and Records: the Royal Society journal of the history of science</td>
<td>£128</td>
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# Single journal subscription

Combined print and online prices 2024

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Primary research journals
The Royal Society’s six primary research journals cover all scientific disciplines and publish high quality science from anywhere in the world. The journals offer a range of article types including evidence synthesis, Science Society and Policy, biological science practices, Registered Reports and replication studies.
ROYAL SOCIETY OPEN SCIENCE

royalsocietypublishing.org/journal/rsos

Royal Society Open Science publishes high quality research across all of science, engineering and mathematics.

The journal covers all articles which are scientifically sound, leaving judgement of importance and impact to the reader, without restrictions on scope, length or potential impact. Article types include registered reports and evidence synthesis papers, and the journal encourages the submission of null studies and negative outcomes, as well as replication attempts/studies.

Features include:

- immediate open access, fully compliant with funder and institutional mandates
- continuous publication model, which allows immediate citation of articles
- accepts direct submissions and referred from other Royal Society journals
- publisher deposit of articles in PubMed Central
- successful ongoing collaboration with the Royal Society of Chemistry.

Impact factor
3.5
28 out of 73 in Multidisciplinary sciences

Citescore
6.0
16 out of 134 in Multidisciplinary sciences

In 2024
Volume 11
12 issues per year
ESSN 2054-5703
OPEN BIOLOGY

royalsocietypublishing.org/journal/rsob

Open access journal publishing high impact biology at the molecular and cellular level.

Open Biology publishes original, high quality, peer reviewed research. Article types include Open Questions which highlight underfunded and understudied areas of biology, and Methods and Techniques.

The journal promotes open discussion and has introduced a new section within articles called ‘Opening Up’ where researchers are encouraged to discuss the significance of their results in a wider context.

Features include:
- immediate open access, fully compliant with funder and institutional mandates
- rapid publication in a Royal Society journal
- rigorous and constructive peer review
- continuous publication model, which allows immediate citation of articles
- publisher deposit of articles in PubMed Central
- supports submission of manuscripts via bioRxiv.

Impact factor
5.8
63 out of 285 in Biochemistry and molecular biology

Citescore
9.3
33 out of 212 in Biochemistry, genetics and molecular biology

In 2024
Volume 14
12 issues per year
ESSN 2046-2441
PROCEEDINGS OF
THE ROYAL SOCIETY A

royalsocietypublishing.org/journal/rspa

The latest research articles in the chemical, computational, mathematical, physical, engineering and earth sciences.

With a particular emphasis on emerging areas of interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary research the journal is widely read and widely cited long after content is published. Article types include research articles, reviews, invited perspectives, comments and invited replies and evidence synthesis.

Proceedings A is a Transformative Journal. Our long-term goal is to make the journal open access when the number of open access articles reaches 75%.

Features include:
- high quality, international articles
- fully peer reviewed to the Royal Society’s high standards
- articles put straight into e-issues with final citation
- custom searching and content alerting functions
- immediate free access to previous nine years of back issues
- optional open peer review available.

Impact factor
3.5
28 out of 73 in Multidisciplinary sciences

Citescore
5.5
17 out of 387 in Mathematics

In 2024
Volume 480
24 issues per year
ESSN 1471-2946
PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY B

Dedicated to the fast publication and worldwide dissemination of high-quality biological research. Proceedings B publishes work of outstanding scientific importance, novelty and interest across biological disciplines.

Article types include peer reviewed research papers, reviews, and comment and reply papers. The journal is particularly well known for ecology in the widest sense, and behavioural and evolutionary biology.

Proceedings B is a Transformative Journal. Our long-term goal is to make the journal open access when the number of open access articles reaches 75%.

Features include:
- high quality, international articles
- fully peer reviewed to the Royal Society’s high standards
- articles put straight into e-issues with final citation
- custom searching and content alerting functions
- immediate free access to previous nine years of back issues.

Impact factor
4.7
19 out of 92 in Biology

Citescore
8.4
16 out of 213 in General agricultural and biological sciences

In 2024
Volume 291
24 issues per year
ESSN 1471-2954
BIOLOGY LETTERS

royalsocietypublishing.org/journal/rsbl

Short, innovative research from across the biological sciences.

Widely recognised as a leading international journal in its field, *Biology Letters* publishes cutting-edge research articles, opinion pieces, reviews and special features. All articles are original, of scientific excellence, and of interest to disciplines across the biological spectrum.

*Biology Letters* is a Transformative Journal. Our long-term goal is to make the journal open access when the number of open access articles reaches 75%.

**Features include:**
- high quality, international research articles, reviews and opinion pieces
- fully peer reviewed to the Royal Society’s high standards
- articles put straight into e-issues with final citation
- immediate free access to previous nine years of back issues
- international authorship and Editorial Board.

**Impact factor**
3.3
32 out of 92 in Biology

**Citescore**
6.3
16 out of 147 in Agricultural and biological sciences

**In 2024**
Volume 20
12 issues per year
ESSN 1744-957X
Cross-disciplinary research transcending the life sciences and physical sciences divide.

The journal publishes short reports, research articles and reviews providing a dedicated forum for rapid publication and interaction across scientific boundaries. Both sides of the scientific interface are considered equally so articles apply chemistry, mathematics, engineering, materials science and physics to biology and medicine, and the other way around.

*Interface* is a Transformative Journal. Our long-term goal is to make the journal open access when the number of open access articles reaches 75%.

**Features include:**
- high quality, international articles, reviews and reports
- fully peer reviewed to the Royal Society’s high standards
- articles put straight into e-issues with final citation
- immediate free access to previous nine years of back issues.
Three journals are specifically dedicated to publishing theme issues; *Philosophical Transactions A*, *Philosophical Transactions B* and *Interface Focus*. Each issue is edited by a team of Guest Editors who are leading researchers in their field and we strive to maintain the integrity and transparency of our publishing processes.

Potential theme issues are first assessed by an independent Board and sent out for external peer review.

- The peer review process is carefully managed by experts.
- Guest Editors are required to use independent peer reviewers.
- Each journal is managed by an Editorial Board made up of eminent scientists.
- All papers are screened by plagiarism software upon submission.
- There is no guarantee that all the papers will be accepted.
Influential themed journal issues across the physical, mathematical and engineering sciences.

*Philosophical Transactions A* issues present new research, reviews, and opinions from prominent researchers. Guest-edited by leading authorities, each issue aims to create an original and authoritative synthesis, often bridging traditional disciplines, and providing a foundation for future research, applications and policy decisions.

**Features include:**
- high quality, multi-authored theme issues, each examining a topical area of science
- fully peer reviewed to the Royal Society’s high standards.
- articles put straight into e-issues with final citation
- immediate free access to previous nine years of back issues
- custom searching and content alerting functions.

**Impact factor**
5.0
19 out of 73 in Multidisciplinary sciences

**Citescore**
8.1
7 out of 387 in Mathematics

**In 2024**
Volume 382
24 issues per year
ISSN 1364-503X
ESSN 1471-2962
PHILOSOPHICAL TRANSACTIONS OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY B

royalsocietypublishing.org/journal/rstb

Influential themed journal issues across the life sciences.

The journal showcases current developments and provides a foundation for future research applications and policy decisions. Each issue of Philosophical Transactions B offers new research, reviews and opinions from prominent researchers. Issues are either based on the internationally acclaimed Royal Society Discussion Meetings or are stand-alone topics commissioned by the journal or proposed by the guest editors.

Features include:
- high quality, multi-authored theme issues, each examining a topical area of science
- fully peer reviewed to the Royal Society’s high standards
- articles put straight into e-issues with final citation
- immediate free access to previous nine years of back issues.

Impact factor
6.3
11 out of 92 in Biology

Citescore
12.0
10 out of 213 in General agricultural and biological sciences

In 2024
Volume 379
24 issues per year
ISSN 0962-8436
ESSN 1471-2970
INTERFACE FOCUS

royalsocietypublishing.org/journal/rsfs

Themed issues covering cross-disciplinary research transcending the life sciences and physical sciences divide.

Each issue of Interface Focus is devoted to a specific topic at the interface of the physical and life sciences. This topic will define a research frontier that is advancing rapidly and will, by its very nature, bridge traditional disciplines. Interface Focus is essential for research groups working across the physical and life sciences divide.

Features include:
- high quality, commissioned, multi-authored theme issues, each examining a topical area of science
- fully peer reviewed to the Royal Society’s high standards
- immediate free access to previous nine years of back issues.

Impact factor
4.4
21 out of 92 in Biology

Citescore
8.2
20 out of 143 in Biophysics

In 2024
Volume 14
6 issues per year
ESSN 2042-8901
History of science
NOTES AND RECORDS

royalsocietypublishing.org/journal/rsnr

Original, international research in the history of science, technology and medicine. The journal reports on research and archival activities in the field of history of science on a wide range of analytical themes.

*Notes and Records* is part of the Royal Society’s commitment to promote scholarship and encourage research into the history of science.

**Features include:**
- high quality, peer reviewed research articles
- includes ‘recollections’ and autobiographical accounts
- essay reviews
- latest news on archival and online resource projects
- accepted articles continuously published online ahead of print
- immediate free access to previous nine years of back issues.

**Impact factor**
0.4
48 out of 62 in History and philosophy of science

**In 2024**
Volume 78
4 issues per year
ESSN 1743-0178
Celebrating the lives and scientific achievements of Fellows of the Royal Society. Each volume of *Biographical Memoirs* contains a carefully researched and creatively written set of memoirs, which portray both the human and professional sides of scientific success and accomplishment.

**Recent memoirs:**
- Freeman Dyson FRS
- Martin Fleischmann FRS
- Sir Vaughan Jones FRS
- Anne McLaren DBE FRS
- Sir Peter Scott CH FRS
- Sir Martin Wood FRS.
The Royal Society Journals Archive 1665 – 1996

Discover some of the most fundamental and significant findings in scientific history.

Launched in 2017, the Journals Archive contains high quality full colour images of the original publications from 1665 to 1996. The fully searchable PDFs are easy to read and comprehensive metadata is provided for indexing and discoverability.

A major resource for History of Science courses, perpetual access offers significant value to libraries who need to reduce print holdings or off-site storage costs and can release over 50 metres of shelf space.

Notable authors include Sir Christopher Wren, Benjamin Franklin, James Clerk Maxwell, Alan Turing, Kathleen Lonsdale, Stephen Hawking and Dorothy Hodgkin.

Price on application.

For more information, visit royalsociety.org/archive-sales

Above: Antiquities, sea lark and kidney stones, from issue 175 of Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society.
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We have been publishing online since 1997, so original journal content from these years is good quality and fully searchable.

You can purchase perpetual access of single years for single journals from 1997 onwards.

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Science in the making

The articles published within the Royal Society Journals Archive are just the tip of the iceberg. What about all the original notes, data, illustrations, and letters, not to mention peer reviews, that lie buried behind the finished pages?

Science in the making is our new archive portal that has made over 30,000 archive items and 250,000 individual images related to the publication of the Society’s scientific journals freely available online.

The platform allows historians to gain access to the complex material that lies behind the published articles from 1551 to 1989.

makingscience.royalsociety.org
Gideon Mantell (1790 – 1852)
Geologist and palaeontologist

A prolific contributor to the *Philosophical Transactions*, Mantell’s *Notice on the Iguanodon, a newly discovered fossil reptile* was published in 1825. It was followed by his reports on the creature’s jaws and skeleton in comparison to other ‘saurians’, papers which laid the foundation for the scientific study of dinosaurs. These were often beautifully illustrated. Published as lithographs, the original watercolours can be examined for the first time online through *Science in the making*. 
Manage your account

Librarians can evaluate subscriptions with easy to manage accounts, online IP registrations and COUNTER 5 usage statistics.

- Articles continually published online with final pagination to enable immediate citation
- Persistent reference hyperlinks on all articles through Digital Object Identifiers
- Continuous online publication, immediately accessible as HTML or PDF
- Crossref persistent hyperlinks in references; permanent navigation to and from cited and ‘cited by’ articles
- Crossmark to guarantee readers that they are accessing the latest version of any article
- Sophisticated search functionalities and new issue and content alerts
- All content is deposited in both CLOCKSS and PORTICO to ensure long term preservation of our content in all eventualities.

Journals are indexed by major abstracting services including Web of Science, Scitopia, Journal Citation Reports, PubMed, INSPEC and Scopus to enable the widest possible discoverability.
Transparent pricing mechanism

In 2012, we introduced a transparent pricing mechanism that accounts for the impact of Open Access (OA) content and its ‘author / funder pays’ revenue. This ensures that we are not paid both a subscription and an article processing charge (APC) fee for the same article. If the percentage of non-OA articles drops so will the price.

Full transparency pricing information and all figures can be found at royalsociety.org/journals/transparent-pricing

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