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THE ROYAL SOCIETY PUBLISHING

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A message from the Head of Sales and Marketing

The Royal Society remains committed to sustainable and equitable open access for all. In 2026, we achieved our ambitious goal to move the subscription journals to full open access with the support of our institutional customers. For 2027 we will repeat this success with your continued support.

Read & Publish is our most inclusive model as it covers open access publishing in the two gold open access journals. Subscribe to Open allows institutions to take part in the open access transformation using existing budgets and workflows.

Our new Silverchair journal platform has allowed us to enhance user experience, accessibility, and discoverability; we have updated our KBART files, and added authentication partner OpenAthens, to offer wider access to our content.

AI overviews and 'zero-click' searches continue to impact scholarly communications. I am pleased to see industry partners beginning work on these issues as they impact libraries and publishers alike.

With your continued support, we move closer to our goal of sustainable open access for the global scientific community.

Graham Anderson
Head of Sales and Marketing

The Royal Society and our journals

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. Fellows include Jocelyn Bell Burnell, Tim Berners-Lee, Richard Dawkins, Joseph Stiglitz, Charles Darwin, Paul Dirac, Albert Einstein, Stephen Hawking and Dorothy Hodgkin.

Publishing and the dissemination of research is, and always has been, an important part of the Society's work. In 2025 we celebrated the 360th anniversary of *Philosophical Transactions*, the world's first and longest running scientific journal.

Today, our ten leading journals provide broad coverage of all science, specialise in cross disciplinary research and are committed to high quality, open and ethical publishing.

We aim to deliver a publishing process that is fair and equitable for all and the Royal Society's charitable status means that any surplus we generate goes back into supporting the global scientific community by funding the activities of the Society.

For more information, visit: **royalsociety.org/journals**

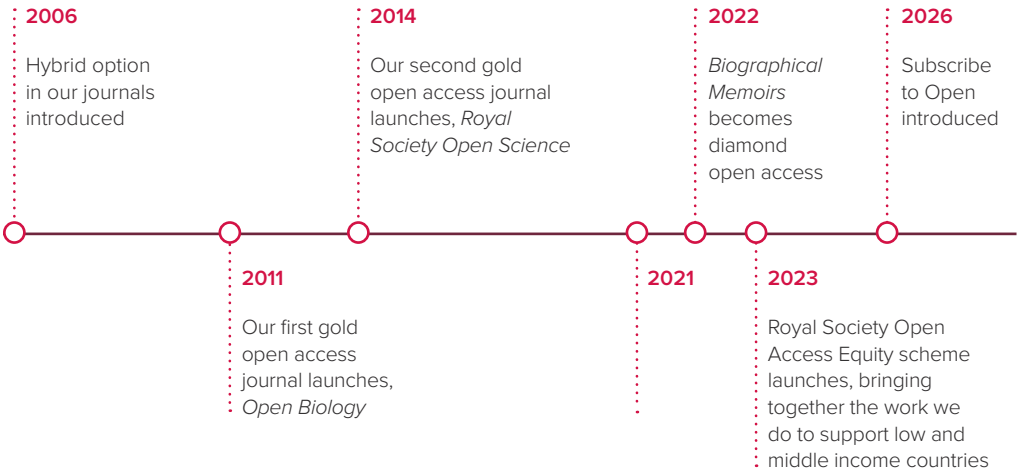
Images (Clockwise from above):
Royal Society Fellows, Antoni van Leeuwenhoek FRS; Kathleen Lonsdale FRS; and Professor Anjali Goswami FRS, all of whom have published their work in our journals.

Transition to open access

As the UK's national academy of science, we are committed to supporting open access and open science to maximise the dissemination and reuse of research outputs.

In 2021 we committed to the ambitious goal of becoming 100% open access by 2026. In the same year, we introduced Read & Publish agreements which helped bring our open access output up from 45% in 2020 to over 70% by the end of 2025.

Introducing Subscribe to Open (S2O) enabled us to achieve our 100% open access target by converting our subscription journals to open access for 2026.



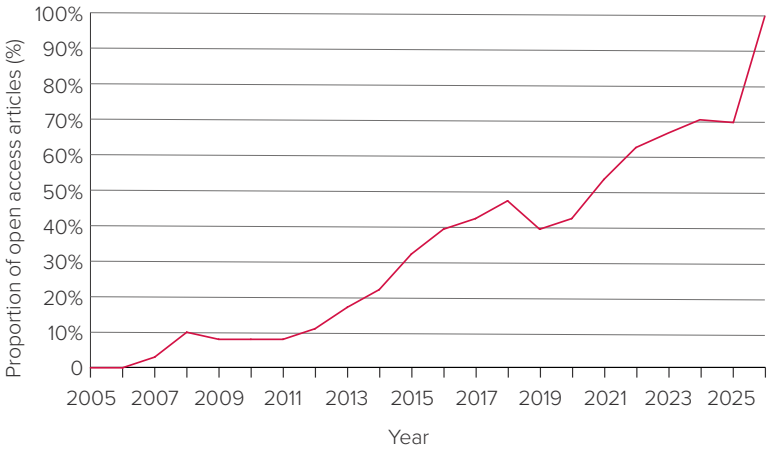
Success criteria for full open access in 2027

Read & Publish is an effective and sustainable open access model and will continue to be the most inclusive offering for our librarian customers.

During our renewal period, library subscription customers will be invited to continue supporting the journals as open access publications via Read & Publish or S2O. If sufficient libraries agree to do so, open access will remain. If there is not enough support, the journals will return to the traditional subscription model for 2027.

For more information, visit **royalsociety.org/open-access**

OPEN ACCESS ARTICLES



Read & Publish

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. Read & Publish guarantees that your researchers will not pay APCs as it is not dependent on reaching our S2O threshold.

For librarians:

- Full access to journal articles and backfiles dating to 1665.
- Perpetual access to content published in a year when the deal was in place.
- Multi-year deals now available to help libraries plan their budgets.

For authors:

- Only the corresponding author needs to belong to an institution with a Read & Publish deal.
- No fees or invoices.
- Uncapped open access publishing either across the portfolio or within physical or life sciences including the gold open access journals (*Royal Society Open Science* and *Open Biology*).

Contact us at **sales@royalsociety.org** and we'll calculate your tailored Read & Publish price for 2027.

For more information, visit **royalsociety.org/read-and-publish**

Subscribe to Open

We are pleased to offer the Subscribe to Open (S2O) model again for 2027 across our eight subscription journals.

S2O allows publishers to convert journals from subscriptions to open access, one year at a time. For 2027 we will offer subscribers to our 8 subscription journals continued access to the journals via our S2O model. If sufficient current subscribers participate in the S2O offer (simply by not opting out) we will open the content covered by that year's subscription for everyone and allow all researchers to publish open access without requiring payment of an article processing charge (APC).

This approach ensures that institutions, regardless of where they are on their own open access journey, can contribute to positive change and support a more equitable publishing ecosystem.

The benefits of S2O for Royal Society customers include:

- Increased access to content, with up to 30 years lease access to journals.
- Equitable open access for authors and readers, with no APCs charged.
- Allows existing subscription spending to be converted directly into open access funding.
- Predictable pricing through multi-year agreements.

Contact us at **sales@royalsociety.org**

For more information, visit **royalsociety.org/subscribe-to-open**

Open Access Membership

Our Open Access Memberships continue to be popular with institutions.

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:

- 25% discount on all open access article processing charges.
- Straight-forward and manageable payment process, with regular reporting to help you keep track of your funds.
- Transparent pricing policy.

If Subscribe to Open goes ahead for 2027, article processing charges will not be required to publish open access in our 8 hybrid journals. Open Access Membership discounts will still apply to article processing charges required to publish in our gold open access journals *Open Biology* and *Royal Society Open Science*.

For more information, visit **royalsociety.org/open-access-membership**

Manage your account

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

Updating IPs

To update IPs, including IPV6, please visit The IP Registry. This allows organisations to disseminate IP address updates to multiple publishers through one simple process. Alternatively you can update IPs via your administrator account.

Usage

Following our website migration, historical reports (2023 – November 2025) are available under the tab 'Archive Reports.' For usage from December 2025 onwards, the reports are under the tab 'Counter 5.1 reports'. With the increasing number of open access articles, we recommend downloading the J3 report so that you get an accurate measure of total usage and return on your investment.

For help with your account, please email us at **access@royalsociety.org**

Why authors choose Royal Society journals

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

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

Eminent, international Editorial Boards
Our Editorial Boards are chaired by a Fellow of the Royal Society and comprise distinguished scientists in relevant disciplines.

A range of article types
Article types include biological science practices, methods and techniques, opinion pieces, evidence syntheses and science, society and policy articles.

Fast decisions and rapid publication
Manuscripts receive a first decision in an average of 3 – 6 weeks and, once accepted, are published quickly.

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

Rigorous peer review
We offer rigorous and constructive peer review by practising scientists, all of whom are experts in their respective fields.

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.

Open access options
Our two gold journals are fully open access, while all our other journals provide open access through Read & Publish or Subscribe to Open. Under a CC BY 4.0 license, authors retain full copyright.

Funder compliant
Our journals are compliant with all major funders. Authors can deposit their Author Accepted Manuscript in their chosen institutional or subject repository.

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

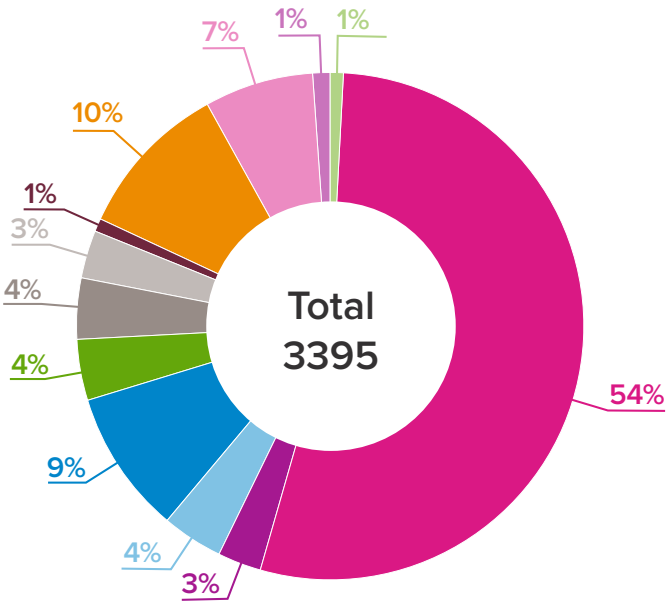
Inclusivity
We welcome submissions and proposals from scientists at any stage of their career, from anywhere in the world.

Outreach and training
We provide workshops and talks on key themes within science including getting published, ethics and research integrity, and open science.

Disciplines covered and global reach

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

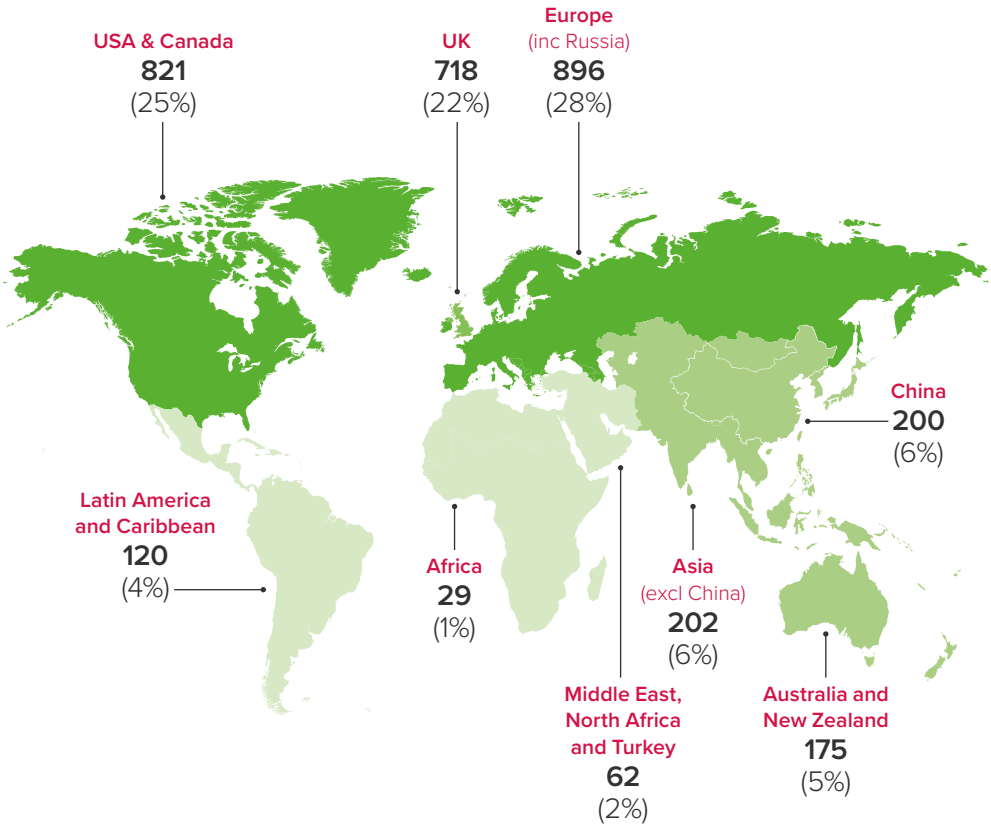
PUBLISHED ARTICLES BY DISCIPLINE IN 2025



KEY

- Astronomy
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer science
- Cross-disciplinary sciences
- Earth sciences
- Engineering
- Engineering and technology
- History of science
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Science, Society and Policy

PUBLISHED ARTICLES BY ORIGIN IN 2025



Packages and prices

Fair and sustainable pricing

We are updating our pricing mechanism with a new fair and sustainable pricing policy.

As we move to full open access, the previous factors that we used to calculate pricing have changed. A new policy will allow for external factors to be taken into account such as changes to funder mandates, and significant service developments that we make such as investment in research integrity.

We will share the policy in due course at **royalsociety.org/journals/transparent-pricing**

Image: *Amphibian galaxy* by Filippo Carugati, winner in the ecology and environmental science category of the Royal Society Publishing photography competition, 2025.

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

The Excellence in Science Collection (Package S)	£UK/Rest of World	€Europe	$US/Canada
Online only subscription	£11,915	€15,490	$22,425

Please see page 21 for VAT details.

The physical sciences collection

(Package A)

Specialist content for engineering, mathematics and physics research

- 10% discount as compared to individual subscription prices.
- 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*

Pricing

The Physical Sciences Collection (Package A)	£UK/Rest of World	€Europe	$US/Canada
Online only subscription	£7,660	€9,955	$14,335

Please see page 21 for VAT details.

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 subscription prices.
- 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*

Pricing

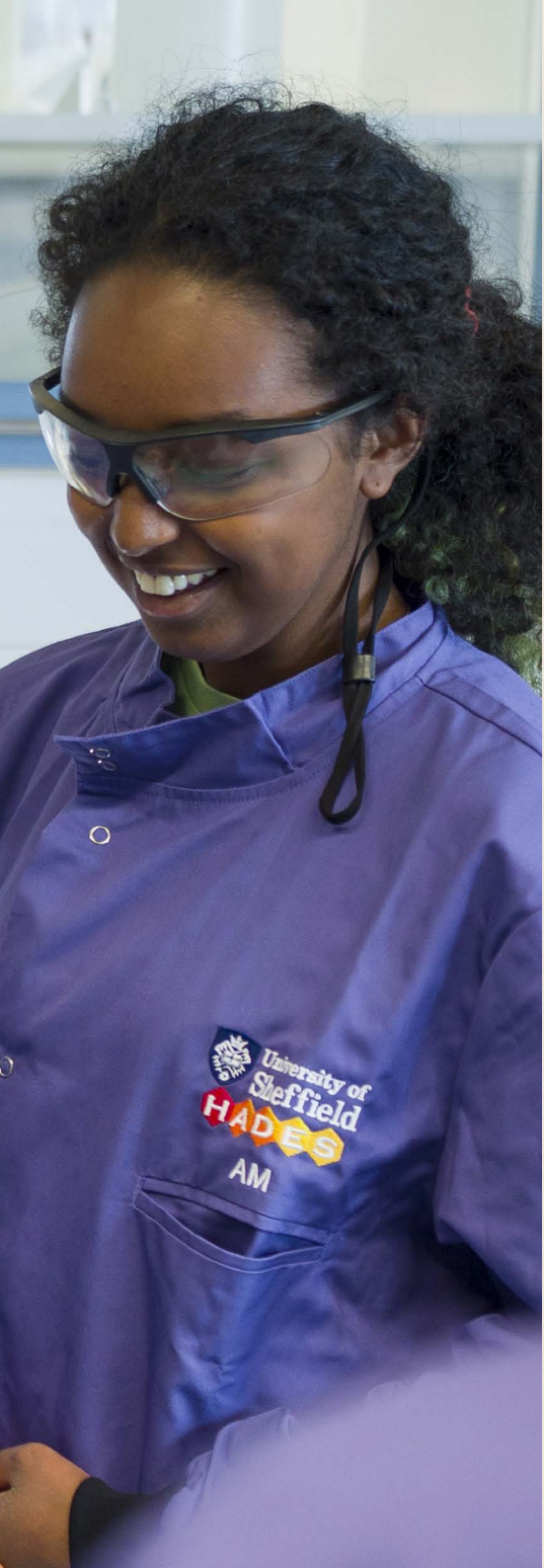
The Biological Sciences Collection (Package B)	£UK/Rest of World	€Europe	$US/Canada
Online only subscription	£7,990	€10,395	$15,015

Please see page 21 for VAT details.

Single journal subscription

Journal (online only prices 2027)	**£UK/Rest of World**	**€Europe**	**$US/Canada**
Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society A: Mathematical, Physical and Engineering Sciences	£2,786	€3,626	$5,287
Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences	£2,984	€3,880	$5,649
Proceedings of the Royal Society A: Mathematical, Physical and Engineering Sciences	£2,226	€2,889	$4,191
Proceedings of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences	£1,552	€2,017	$2,991
Biology Letters	£846	€1,102	$1,588
Journal of the Royal Society Interface	£2,642	€3,433	$4,916
Interface Focus	£855	€1,113	$1,534
Notes and Records: the Royal Society journal of the history of science	£124	€162	$230

VAT is not included in the prices above. VAT charges will apply for non-VAT registered EU customers, please contact access@royalsocietypublishing.org at the Royal Society for more information.



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.

Image:
Dr Clare Thorpe (left), Royal Society Dorothy Hodgkin Research Fellow.

ROYAL SOCIETY OPEN SCIENCE

Impact factor

3

43 out of 140in multidisciplinary sciences

Citescore

5.2

36out of 223 in multidisciplinary sciences

In 2027

Volume 14

12 issues per year

ESSN 2054-5703

royalsocietypublishing.org/rsos

An open access journal publishing high quality research across all of science, engineering and mathematics.

The journal operates objective peer review, meaning all scientifically sound papers are published, leaving judgements about importance or impact to the reader. Article types include registered reports, evidence synthesis, and science society and policy, and the journal encourages the submission of null studies and negative outcomes, as well as replication 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 transfers from other Royal Society journals
- publisher deposits articles in PubMed Central
- champions open science practices including open data
- peer review history of published papers is made available via transparent peer review
- no limitation on paper length.

OPEN BIOLOGY

Impact factor

3.1

192 out of 328 in biochemistry and molecular biology

Citescore

6.1

60 out of 223 in biochemistry, genetics and molecular biology

In 2027

Volume 17

12 issues per year

ESSN 2046-2441

royalsocietypublishing.org/rsob

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

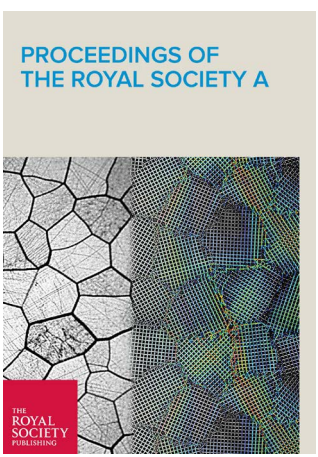
Open Biology publishes original, high quality, peer reviewed research. Article types include 'Open Questions' which highlight underfunded and understudied areas of biology, methods and techniques and short communications.

The journal promotes transparent review, open discussion, and has introduced a 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 and expedited review via Review Commons.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY A



Impact factor

2.7

49 out of 140 in multidisciplinary sciences

Citescore

4.8

38out of 414 in mathematics

In 2027

Volume 483

24 issues per year

ESSN 1471-2946

royalsocietypublishing.org/rspa

The Royal Society's physical sciences research journal, publishing high-quality research and review articles from all disciplines in the physical 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.

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
- transparent open peer review available.

Open access through Subscribe to Open (see page 9 for details).

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY B

Impact factor

3.6

23 out of 106 in biology

Citescore

6.1

68 out of 669 in general medicine

In 2027

Volume 294

24 issues per year

ESSN 1471-2954

royalsocietypublishing.org/rspb

The Royal Society's flagship biological research journal, dedicated to the fast publication and worldwide dissemination of high-quality research.

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

Features include:

- double anonymous peer review
- articles put straight into e-issues with final citation
- custom searching and content alerting functions
- immediate free access to previous none years of back issues
- team of data editors responsible for checking datasets and code
- special features in topical areas.

Open access through Subscribe to Open (see page 9 for details).

BIOLOGY LETTERS

Impact factor
2.7
33 out of 106 in biology

Citescore
4.7
51out of 235in agricultural and biological sciences

In 207
Volume 23
12 issues per year
ESSN 1744-957X

royalsocietypublishing.org/rsbl

A Royal Society journal focused on the rapid publication of short high quality research articles, reviews and opinion pieces across the biological sciences.

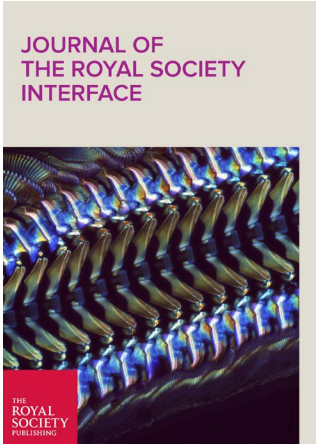
Widely recognised as a leading international journal in its field, *Biology Letters* publishes concise, high quality and cutting-edge research articles, opinion pieces, reviews and special features. All articles are original, of scientific excellence, fully peer reviewed, and of interest to disciplines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

Features include:

- a focus on early career researchers through our annual Best Paper Competition
- partnerships with figshare
- articles put straight into e-issues with final citation
- immediate free access to previous years of back issues
- international authorship and Editorial Board.

Open access through Subscribe to Open (see page 9 for details).

JOURNAL OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY INTERFACE



Impact factor

3.4

36 out of 140 in multidisciplinary sciences

Citescore

6.4

35 out of 155 in biophysics

In 2027

Volume 24

12 issues per year

ESSN 1742-5662

royalsocietypublishing.org/rsif

Cross-disciplinary research at the interface between the physical and life sciences.

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.

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.

Open access through Subscribe to Open (see page 9 for details).

Themed issue journals

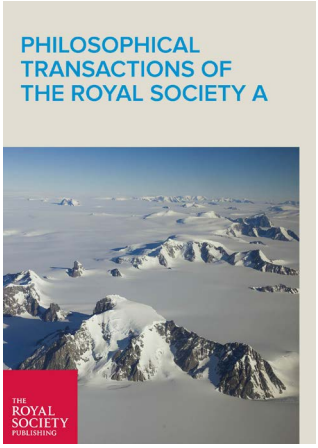
Three journals are specifically dedicated to publishing theme issues; *Philosophical Transactions A*, *Philosophical Transactions B* and *Interface Focus*.

Each issue is edited by a team of Guest Editors who are leading researchers in their field and who strive to maintain the integrity and transparency of our publishing processes.

Potential theme issues are first assessed by an independent Editorial Board made up of eminent scientists and sent out for external peer review.

Image: *Between Auroras and Dawn – A South Pole Sunrise After the Longest Night on Earth* by Dr Aman Chokshi, runner-up in the astronomy category of the Royal Society Publishing photography competition, 2025.

PHILOSOPHICAL TRANSACTIONS OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY A



Impact factor

3.7

32 out of 140 in multidisciplinary sciences

Citescore

7.6

13 out of 414 in mathematics

In 2027

Volume 385

24 issues per year

ESSN 1471-2962

royalsocietypublishing.org/rsta

Influential themed journal issues across the physical, mathematical and engineering sciences.

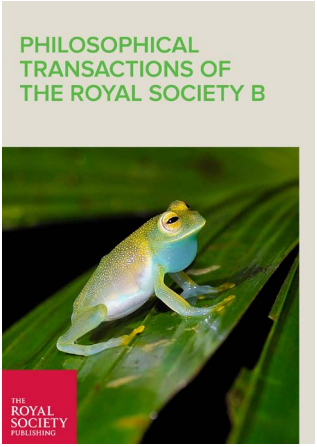
Philosophical Transactions A issues present new research, reviews, and opinions from prominent researchers. Guest-edited by leading authorities, each issue aims to create an original and authoritative synthesis, often bridging traditional disciplines, and providing a foundation for future research, applications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

Features include:

- high quality, multi-authored theme issues, each examining a topical area of science
- invited articles that are 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.

Open access through Subscribe to Open (see page 9 for details).

PHILOSOPHICAL TRANSACTIONS OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY B



Impact factor
5.3
14 out of 106 in biology

Citescore
10.2
10 out of 235 in biology

In 2027
Volume 382
24 issues per year
ESSN 1471-2970

royalsocietypublishing.org/rstb

Influential themed journal issues across the life sciences.

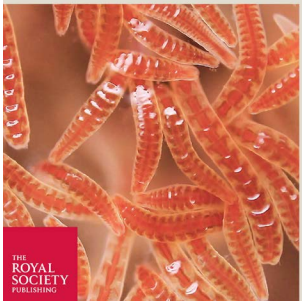
The journal publishes thematic issues guest edited by experts in the field, that showcase current developments and provides a foundation for future research applications and policy decisions. Each issue of *Philosophical Transactions B* offers new research, reviews and opinions from prominent researchers. 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.

Open access through Subscribe to Open (see page 9 for details).

INTERFACE FOCUS



Impact factor

4

21 out of 106in biology

Citescore

7.4

25 out of 155 in biophysics

In 2027

Volume 17

6 issues per year

ESSN 2042-8901

royalsocietypublishing.org/rsfs

Themed issues covering cross-disciplinary research at the interface between the physical, life and social sciences.

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:

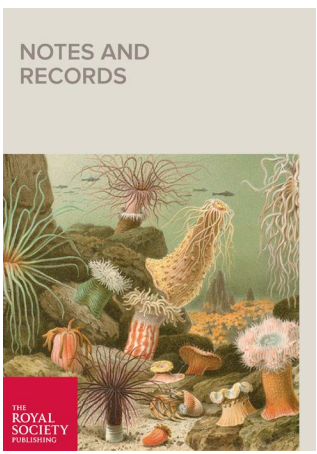
- high quality, commissioned, multi-authored theme issues, each examining a topical area of science
- fully peer reviewed to the Royal Society's high standards
- immediate free access to previous nine years of back issues.

Open access through Subscribe to Open (see page 9 for details).

Opposite: View of the Kattimannap Qurlua, formerly known as the Wilberforce falls. Shows the falls as seen from Nunavut, or the Hood River. Illustration by Edward Francis Finden from *Narrative of a journey to the shores of the Polar Sea*, by John Franklin, 1823.

History of science

NOTES AND RECORDS



Impact factor
0.5
35 out of 56 in history and philosophy of science

In 2027
Volume 81
4 issues per year
ESSN 1743-0178

royalsocietypublishing.org/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.

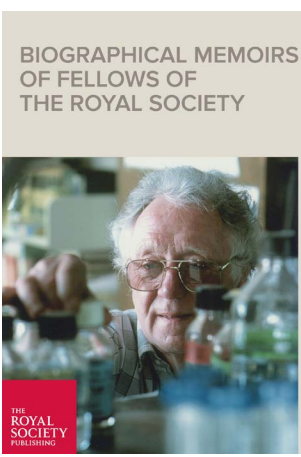
Notes and Records is part of the Royal Society's commitment to promote scholarship and encourage research into the history of science.

Features include:

- high quality, peer reviewed research articles
- latest news on archival and online resource projects
- rapid peer review, average submission to first decision times under 30 days
- rapid publication online within four weeks of final acceptance
- immediate free access to previous nine years of back issues.

Open access through Subscribe to Open (see page 9 for details).

BIOGRAPHICAL MEMOIRS OF FELLOWS OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY



In 2027

Volume 80 and 81

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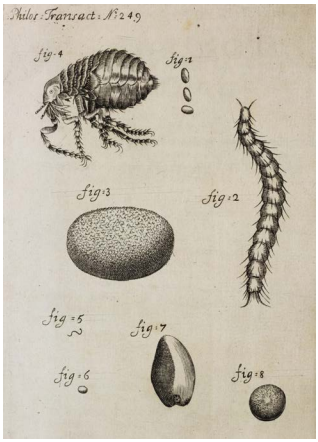

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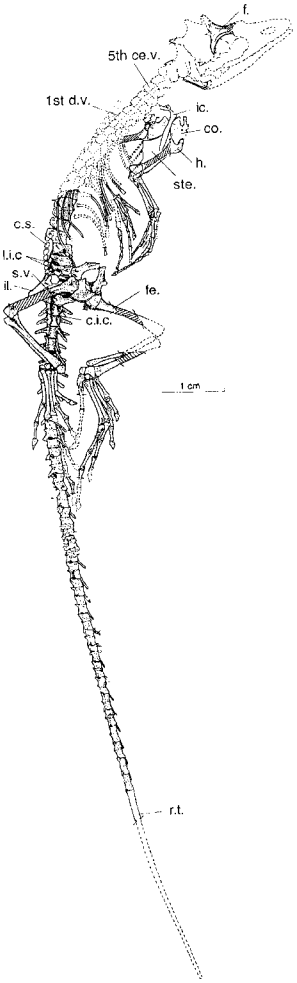

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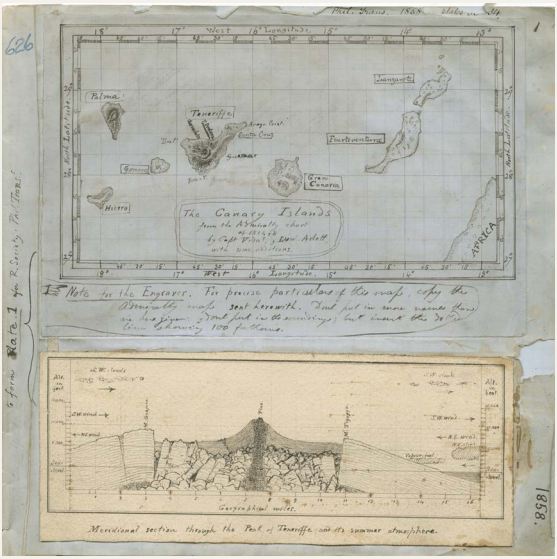

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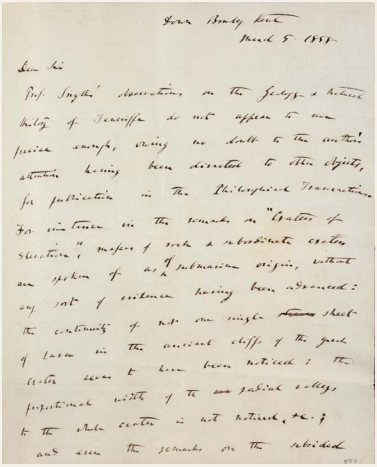

Down Bromley Kent
March 5. 1858

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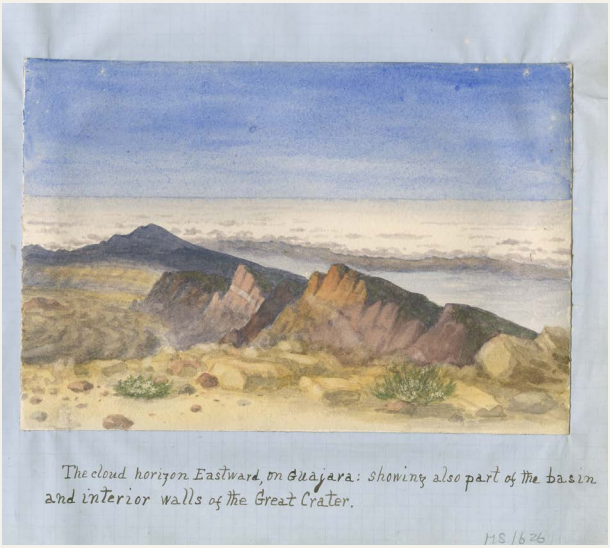

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