

## Explanatory statement

### **Project Title: Scholarly Communication Workflow Survey**

Please read this Explanatory Statement in full before deciding whether or not to participate. If you would like further information regarding any aspect of this project contact the researchers via the contact details listed below.

### **What does the research involve?**

You are invited to assist us in understanding which scholarly communication tools are commonly used by researchers as part of their workflow.

This survey will take approximately 8 minutes to complete and the information you share will provide important insights into an evolving technological landscape and the tools used during the research lifecycle.

You will be asked to select from a number of multiple choice options about tools used for searching, storing, publishing or other aspects of research management. In addition, participants have the option of contributing to the discussion via an interview.

### **Why were you chosen for this research?**

The project team approached the faculty to assist us in identifying active Monash researchers.

### **Consenting to participate in the project and withdrawing from the research**

Your participation in this research is voluntary. You are free at any time to withdraw your participation, without explanation or consequence. You may also choose not to respond to all questions in the survey. All information you provide will be treated confidentially and stored securely. No information collected through the online survey will be used to identify individuals.

Consent to participate in this research will be assumed when you complete and submit the survey. Once you've submitted the survey online, your answers will be automatically stored and cannot be removed.

### **Possible benefits and risks to participants**

The primary goal of this study is to identify opportunities for the provision of research support and expertise by Monash University Library.

It is extremely unlikely that you will experience any particular discomfort as a result of questions asked in this online survey. The results of this research will be made freely available via Monash Institutional Repository at the completion of the research project, expected to be by end 2017.

### **Confidentiality**

The data will be collected using a Monash subscribed online survey tool to ensure currently endorsed privacy standards. The survey does not require you to identify yourself unless you agree to participate in a follow-up interview. Non-identifiable research findings may also be used by the research team to contribute to the wider scholarly communication debate through avenues such as conference papers and/or academic journal articles.

### **Storage of data**

The data will be stored securely on the Monash University Server for the standard 5 year retention period. Non-identifiable data will be available via the institutional repository.

### **Results**

Once the research report resulting from this project has been completed, a brief summary of the findings will be available to you if you want to see it.

### **Complaints**

Should you have any concerns or complaints about the conduct of the project, please contact the Executive Officer, Monash University Human Research Ethics (MUHREC): Email [muhrec@monash.edu](mailto:muhrec@monash.edu)

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### Please indicate your consent

- I consent
- I do not consent

### Demographics

Select your **Faculty** then **School or Department** if applicable

Faculty

School/Department

What is your research role?

- Professor / Associate professor / Assistant professor
- Postdoc
- PhD student
- Clinical researcher
- Other

From which year dates your first scholarly publication?

- I haven't  
published (yet)
- 2016-2017
- 2010-2015
- 2005-2010
- 2000-2005
- before 2000





In the next part of the survey, we ask you to identify which tools/sites you use for various research activities.

You can always **skip** a question if that particular research activity does not apply to you. If you are not an active researcher, please indicate which tools you **recommend**.






### Discovery

## Discovery




What tools/sites do you use to **search** literature / data etc.?

- Google Scholar 
- Web of Science 
- Scopus 
- Mendeley 
- PubMed 
- other (please specify)

What tools/sites do you use to get **access** to literature etc.?


- Institutional 
- Pay per view 
- ResearchGate 
- Open Access 
- Email the author 
- other (please specify)

What tools/sites do you use to **read / view / annotate**?

- Acrobat 
- using HTML 
- Mendeley 
- Open Source PDF reader
- other (please specify)

iAnnotate 


What tools/sites do you use to get **alerts / recommendations**?

Google Scholar 

Mendeley 

Journal Alerts 

ResearchGate 

Browzine 

other (please specify)

**Analysis**

Analysis

What tools/sites do you use to **analyse** data / texts etc.?

R 

Python 

SPSS 

ROpenSci 


MatLab 


NVivo 


Excel 

other (please specify)

What tools/sites do you use to **share** notebooks / protocols / workflows?

Protocol Online 

Google Drive 

LabArchives 

other (please specify)

figshare 


## Writing

### Writing

What tools/sites do you use to **write / prepare** your manuscript?

Word 


LaTeX 

Google Drive 

other (please specify)

Authorea 

What tools/sites do you **use for reference management**?

EndNote 

Papers 

Zotero 

Citavi 

RefWorks 

other (please specify)

Mendeley 

## Publication

### Publication

What tools/sites do you use to **share / archive publications**?

arXiv 

bioRxiv 

ResearchGate 

PubMed Central 

figshare 

Institutional Repository

Academia.edu 

other (please specify)

What tools/sites do you use to **share / archive data & code?**

figshare 


DropBox 

GitHub 

Zenodo 

Dryad 

other (please specify)


LabArchives 

What tools/sites do you use to **decide which journal** to submit your manuscript to?

JCR Impact Factor 

Scimago 

DOAJ 

Think Check Submit 

Scopus 

JANE 

Sherpa Romeo 

other (please specify)

Which **type** of sources might you **submit a publication** to?

F1000 Research 

Megajournal (eg. PLoS) - Open Access

Traditional publisher - topical journal

Data journal (publication for which the primary purpose is to expose datasets)

Open Access Publisher - topical journal

other (please specify)

## Outreach

### Outreach

What tools/sites do you use to **archive / share posters & presentations?**

Slideshare 

figshare 

Vimeo 

TedTalks 

YouTube 


other (please specify)

What tools/sites do you use to **promote your research outside academia?**

Wikipedia 

YouTube 

Kudos 

The Conversation 

Twitter 

Blogs

Personal webpage

other (please specify)

What **researcher profiles** do you use?

Google Scholar 

ResearchGate 

ORCID 

Academia.edu 

ResearchID 

Profile page at institution 




other (please specify)

## Assessment








### Assessment



What tools/sites do you use for **peer review beyond that organised by journals?**  
This is about commenting and peer review, pre- as well as post-publication.

- Publons 
- PubMed 
- PubPeer 
- N/A
- other (please specify)

What tools/sites do you use to **measure the impact** of journals, or research outputs?

- JCR Impact Factor 
- Altmetric.com 
- Scopus 
- ImpactStory 
- PLOS article level metrics 
- Web of Science 
- Google Scholar Citations 
- other (please specify)

**Final**

Three final general questions about scholarly communication.

What do you think will be the most important development in scholarly communication in the coming years?

Do you support the goal of **Open Access?** (i.e. making scholarly manuscripts freely available online)

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Do you support the goals of **Open Science**? (i.e. openly creating, sharing and assessing research, wherever viable)

Yes

No

I don't know

Enter your e-mail address here if you would like to receive a **summary of your responses**.

**Can we contact you to further discuss scholarly communication workflows?** If yes, please enter email address below:

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