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 Student Journal of Science

Our Purpose

The Edinburgh Student Journal of Science is a postgraduate-run, peer-reviewed scientific journal, designed for students.

We want to empower students to take their research further and gain experience & confidence in academic publishing. Our industry-standard approach guides students through peer-review, offering professionally formatted publication with DOIs and indexing, helping students prepare for the next steps in their career.

As a Diamond Open Access Journal, it is free to submit and read articles, providing an accessible, educational experience.

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Founded within the University of Edinburgh in 2024, we now accept submissions from an increasing number of universities, offering undergraduate and Master's students a unique opportunity to publish their research and demonstrate their research skills.

Mission

Bridge the gap between learning and research through a supportive and professional open-access publishing pathway

Vision

Empower students to advance their careers through excellent research practice and impactful science communication

Values

We are driven by passion, integrity and teamwork. These are the core values that steer us to excellence.

Publishing for Students



A Professional, Supportive Experience

- We offer students an exclusive experience to take their research further, develop their scientific skillsets, and share their work with the world
- Our industry standard publishing workflow provides experience in publishing and peer-review, while guiding students through a new and unfamiliar process
- If accepted, we professionally format articles and publish them with a **DOI** and indexing in **Google Scholar**, **CrossRef**, and more

Unique Career Development Opportunity

As a Diamond Open Access journal, it is free to submit to us, and to read all of our publications, making publishing accessible to all students

- **Skill development** that employers value: strengthen your research, academic writing, critical thinking, and communication skills, all transferable to PhDs, industry R&D, data roles, and more
- Our growing visibility and reach allows you to share your research to a wide audience, beyond your peers and supervisors
- A publication on your CV is a unique way to **stand out from the crowd** and pursue a PhD or a career in science or research

Submission Criteria

Honours year undergraduate, or Master's students studying the natural or physical sciences

Novel, scientific research

Full submission criteria and guidelines on our website

Manuscript Formats

Letters up to 2000 words and 2 figures
short novel results and significant findings

Research Notes 4000 words and 4 figures
contextualised results, new methodologies, null results

Extended Reports 6500 words and 7 figures
best for Master's dissertations or full-year projects

What Do Students Say?



I published a portion of my **undergrad dissertation** in the 4th year of my integrated masters degree in Geology at the University of Edinburgh.

Getting my research published in ESJS was a massive **highlight of my degree**. Like a lot of students, I always found the idea of academic journals pretty intimidating, but the process here was actually **really supportive**. The PhD reviewers didn't just judge my work; they gave me constructive feedback that genuinely helped me **improve my scientific writing** and think more critically about my data.

It was such a buzz to see my final article go live with a **DOI** and **show up on Google Scholar**. It's been a huge **boost for my CV** and definitely helped me stand out during my PhD applications. Even my supervisor was impressed with how **professional** the final publication looked!

Since it's completely free to publish, I'd tell anyone with a project they're proud of to **just go for it**, it's a great way to actually do something with your research instead of just letting it sit on your laptop.



Craig Mellon
PhD Student



Publishing with the ESJS was a really straightforward process and helped me demonstrate my skills in PhD interviews!

Get Involved!



Students

Considering a career in research, or want to demonstrate your achievements?

Take advantage of this unique opportunity to share your work, boost your CV, and gain key transferrable skills.

Submission guidelines, article templates, and more are all available on our website!

Interested in science communications?

Tell us about your research through blog posts, social media content, and more! Get in touch with us!

PhD Students

Volunteer as a reviewer to build critical evaluation and communication skills.

Gain experience with industry-standard software and the peer-review process.

Act as an ambassador for the journal at your own institution.

Reach out to get involved!

Staff

Can you help us talk to students directly? Reach out for our promotion pack to use yourself!

Encourage academic excellence and help students take research further.

Co-author student-led publications and increase the visibility of your School's research and teaching.



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