



As an author of content, you hold copyrights. When you submit work to be published through an academic journal, in a book, on a group or association website, in a conference proceeding, or in another manner, your decision may involve transferring or licensing copyrights to that entity in order for them to be able to make your work available in their publication. The resources below and our discussion in class today are intended to provide you with tools and information to consider your options in publishing decisions.

Two questions to consider:

1. **What copyrights do you want** to keep for your own use?
2. **What copyrights do you want** to permit others to use?
3. U.S. Copyrights information: <http://www.lib.vt.edu/copyright/rights-registration.html>

Traditional publishing requires a transfer of copyrights - meaning these copyrights no longer belong to you, but to the publisher. More and more publishers are moving to license some or all copyrights, leaving you to still hold those rights (or some of them) as well.

When investigating a publishing venue consider the following in addition to the 2 questions above:

1. In what type of publication am I looking to publish my work?
 - a. Find options via your scholarly associations, via professional blogs or websites, through your instructors, through searching your field's literature, through looking at colleague's publications.
 - b. Investigate journals via the following
 - i. *Ulrich's Periodicals Directory* - subscription database of journals via VT Libraries
 - ii. DOAJ - Directory of Open Access Journals: <https://doaj.org/>
 - iii. Looking at the journal itself
 - iv. Beall's List of Predatory Publishers: <http://scholarlyoa.com/publishers/>
2. What are the copyright / author rights or related policies of this publication?
 - a. See the journal itself
 - b. SHERPA/RoMEO: <http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/> - journal policies for reuse
3. Consider open licensing options
 - a. Creative Commons licenses: <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/>
4. Investigate options to cover OA fees for high quality OA journals
 - a. Include funding for fees in your grant proposals
 - b. VT's OA Discounts and Subvention fund: <http://www.lib.vt.edu/oafund/index.html>

Examples of new publication models / trends in publishing in the sciences:

*Search in PSYCInfo for: publishing [in title] AND publishing [in index terms] for current articles

PeerJ: <https://peerj.com/>

Faculty 1000 Research: <http://f1000research.com/>

Winnower: <https://thewinnower.com/>

Journal of Open Psychology Data: <http://openpsychologydata.metajnl.com/>

Open Science Framework: <https://osf.io/faq/#about>

Open comments - PubMed Commons example: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmedcommons/>

VTechWorks - VT Institutional Repository: <https://vtechworks.lib.vt.edu/>