

# Avoid predatory publishers

Predatory publishers training module

## What are predatory publishers?

**Predatory publishers** operate an online scam by setting up fake journal websites designed to trick authors into believing that they are submitting their work to legitimate journals and require payment of a fee to publish.

**Predatory publishers** provide misleading information about their journal to potential authors and editors. Content in these journals may or may not be considered scholarly or of reputable quality.

It can be difficult to distinguish between a journal with misleading or deceptive publishing practices and one that is a scam.

# Why should I avoid predatory publishers?



The Queen's University Senate Policy on [Integrity in Research](#) states that researchers must:

- "[use] a high level of rigour in proposing and performing research; in recording, analyzing, and interpreting data; and in reporting and publishing data and findings."
- "[make] results of work accessible to the scholarly community and general public through the submission for publication, conferences, lectures, public performance and/or other appropriate means..."

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The [School of Graduate Studies Academic Integrity Policy](#) states that graduate students must:

- pursue their research activities in a manner that is consistent with the highest standards of ethical and scientific practice...”
- "have the utmost regard for the principles of academic integrity...”

## How do I avoid predatory publishers?: 1 of 2

### Option 1

Visit [Think. Check. Submit.](#), review its [reference list](#) and watch the [Think. Check. Submit.](#) video.



## How do I avoid predatory publishers?: 2 of 2



### Option 2

Visit the [How To Avoid Deceptive Publishers or Conferences](#) research guide from the Queen's University Library or review [Identifying Predatory Publishers: A Checklist.](#)

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