

Description

If you've just started your research career in physics, you'll soon be aiming to <u>publish your research</u>. Publishing is an important part of your academic career for many reasons that include:

- Requirement by your faculty.
- Required for promotions within academia.
- Helps you gain recognition as an expert in your field.

Performing the research is only part of the work. Some say your research is not done until it is published. Furthermore, only published research can advance a field and contribute to the progress of science. Therefore, it is important that you, as a young PhD, start writing as soon as possible in your career.

"No one undertakes research in Physics with the intention of winning a prize. It is the joy of discovering something no one knew before" – Stephen Hawking.

Challenges of Publishing in Physics

The question most young PhD's ask when publishing their first research article in Physics is "Where do I start?" Publishing is a massive and often overwhelming task. You need to:

- Have a thorough understanding of the field.
- Be able to interpret your results in the context of the literature. You can easily get lost while "wading through the published research". Where do you start? How do you find, manage, and organize all that information so that you can tell your story?
- Tell your story using appropriate terminology yet remain clear and concise.
- Tell your story in a methodical way.
- Add to the current field of knowledge.
- Keep up with the fast-moving field of physics.

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