

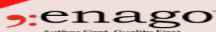


Description

With the scholarly publication models evolving over the years, Open Access—a model of Open Science is making the publishing dynamics more accessible, transparent, and collaborative. However, researchers across the globe have refrained themselves from this approach due to several concerns. This is potentially due to the lack of knowledge and awareness of open science amongst researchers. As Open Access is forecasted to grow exponentially, it is found that the sustainability of this approach can be achieved if only all stakeholders of the research and publishing industry come together to make it possible.

Let's move towards a sustainable Open Access publishing model with the help of this infographic.

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The Open Access Movement Is Here To Stay, And How?

– Presented by Enago Academy


Initiated in the 1900s, the Open Access Movement has revolutionized scholarly publishing.

The publication volume of Open Access journals has increased exponentially over the last decade. However, like the traditional publishing model, Open Access can become a sustainable model if only all stakeholders of the research and publishing community strive for it.


Moving Towards A Sustainable Open Access Model

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1. Increasing the Momentum of Open Access

The scholarly community saw a substantial surge in Open Access publishing since 2020. Forecasting this spike of Open Access in the next three to five years, the STM Association has released its theme: **The Beauty of Open at Scale**. With this, the STM community can explore new opportunities for scalable tools for knowledge discovery on massively available content.
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2. Opportunity for Collaboration and Communication

According to a recently conducted survey by Enago Academy, over 57% respondents agreed that open research brings with it greater opportunities for collaboration and communication. It opens up new ways to collaborate with scholars across disciplines and advances in science. Open Access datasets and analyses help researchers to use this data to form more research hypotheses and draw robust conclusions.
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3. Mandate Open Access Publishing

Since **Plan S** came into effect in 2021, both **OASPA** and **ALPSP** expressed support for the aims of the initiative to make research fully OA. Furthermore, the US government recently revealed its Open Access policy to make all federally funded research publicly available immediately after being published, starting 2026.
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4. New Peer Review Approach

The spike in Open Access publishing is witnessing the evolution of new forms of peer review approaches such as **Open Peer Review**. In this, authors would know the names of external reviewers and also see comments generated during this stage of the review process. This approach also has the potential to foster collaboration and discussion during the peer review process.
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5. Eliminate Article Processing Charges

While most researchers prefer publishing in Open Access journals, many refrain from doing so due to heavy Article Processing Charges levied by some journals. According to the 2018 **STM Report**, fully-OA journals without APCs generally rely on sponsorships from institutions (research organizations, funders, libraries, learned societies, museums, hospitals, for-profit or non-profit organizations, foundations, government agencies, and many more).
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6. Increasing Funding Opportunities to Publish

Support from funding bodies with **publication fees** in addition to **research grants** will help researchers publish in Open Access journals and disseminate knowledge publicly and open new paths to the advancement of science.
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7. Awareness About Open Access

In a recently conducted survey by Enago Academy, it was observed that a group of scholars are still unaware of and do not follow the **Open Science** approach. This demands the need to educate and spread awareness of this dynamic mechanism in the scholarly publishing world. Proper education about the Open Access approach will ensure the sustenance of this new publishing model.
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8. More Accessible Open Access Platforms

Along with Open Access journals, other models such as Institutional Repositories, Archives, Digital Repositories, Project Websites, and Preprints are few of the many Open Access Platforms. The **ease of accessibility** of these platforms bolsters the existence and make Open Access imperishable.

These are some potential ways to take the Open Access movement ahead in the future, bringing a paradigm shift in how the academic research community shares data and research findings.



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