

A Researcher's Guide to Preprints—Importance & Benefits to Authors

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The adoption of the open access (OA) movement has seen a significant increase over the last few years. This is in part due to the launch of key OA mandates and the rise of different avenues for disseminating research freely. One of the main factors driving free and immediate access to cutting-edge research is preprint repositories. [Enago](#) in collaboration with [The Company of Biologists](#), a not-for-profit publisher supporting and inspiring the biology community, conducted an insightful webinar to help research scholars enhance their understanding of preprint servers. It also provided insights on how preprints can aid in bridging the gaps in [academic publishing](#) and help accelerate

scholarly communication.

Through this session, researchers will have a better understanding of the following:

- History of Preprints
- Benefits of Preprints
- Preprint Policies Among Journals and Funders
- Preprints and Scholarly Communication
- Preprints and the Question of Peer Review
- Future of Preprints
- Introduction to preLights—a preprint highlighting service promoting interactions among researchers

About The Company of Biologists (<https://www.biologists.com/>)

The Company of Biologists is a not-for-profit publishing organisation dedicated to supporting and inspiring the biological community. The Company publishes five specialist peer-reviewed journals: Development, Journal of Cell Science, Journal of Experimental Biology, Disease Models & Mechanisms and Biology Open. It offers further support to the biological community by facilitating scientific meetings, providing travel grants for researchers and supporting research societies.

About the Speakers

Douglas W. Darnowski, Ph.D.



Dr. Darnowski is a highly published researcher with experience in publishing books, book chapters, research papers, review articles, teaching material (textbooks, instruction manuals, etc.) and book reviews. Dr. Darnowski has over 20 years of experience in the editing of scientific papers for peer-reviewed journals. Furthermore, he has reviewed over 50 introductory biology textbook chapters and wrote over 9,000 questions for Sinauer, W.H. Freeman, McGraw Hill, and Pearson. Currently, he is associated with the Editorial Boards of Carnivorous Plant Newsletter and International Triggerplant Society. He is also the recipient of more than 40 research grants/fellowships.

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Dr. Pálfi is the Community Manager for preLights, a preprint highlighting service that was launched in 2018 by The Company of Biologists. His role involves running the platform, building an early-career researcher community and providing writing/editing feedback. As a researcher, Dr. Pálfi has gained extensive experience in writing and peer-reviewing scientific articles. Currently, he is part of an international working group consisting of practitioners in preprint services and publishing operations to promote the adoption of preprints.

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