Open Peer Review on Emerald Open Research

What is Open Peer Review?

Open peer review is the process in which author and reviewer names are published alongside a research article. The review process may take place pre- or post-publication, and reports may receive their own DOIs, making them discoverable and citable.

How does it work on Emerald Open Research?

1. Submission
Once research has been submitted to Emerald Open Research it will go through pre-publication checks by the F1000 editorial team to ensure it follows basic publishing policies and standards. Once this check is complete it will be published with the status ‘Awaiting Peer Review’.

2. Referring Reviewers
When research is going through the publication process the editorial team will ask authors to suggest 5 potential reviewers, who must meet the basic outlined criteria. Authors are responsible for identifying suitable reviewers who are experts in their field and can provide unbiased reports on their article.

3. Contacting Reviewers
Once the reviewers have been selected the editorial team will contact them. Reviewers will be chased twice, if a reviewer is unresponsive the editorial team will source a different reviewer or authors may be asked to suggest further reviewers.

4. Revisions and Updates
Once a review has been completed on the article authors are encouraged to address the reviewers’ criticisms by publishing revised versions and/or by adding author comments to the peer review reports. All versions of an article are accessible and can be independently cited, but the latest version will be displayed as the default on Emerald Open Research.

What are the benefits?

- Authors are in control of the process, suggesting the best experts to help them to improve their work.
- Reviews are in the public domain – people are less likely to leave biased, self-promoting or overly brief reviews.
- The entire review process is transparent to the community which will allow key learnings to be taken from reading the paper alongside the reviewer feedback.
- Recognition for reviewers – each peer review report is assigned a DOI and is citable.

Still not sure how open peer review works? Take a look at our FAQs here.

References: