Publishing with Open Journal Systems (OJS) at Boston College Libraries

The Boston College Libraries provide services and software that enable Boston College faculty, staff, and students to publish online open access journals.

What is OJS?
Open Journal Systems (OJS) is an open source journal management and publishing system developed by the Public Knowledge Project to expand and improve access to research.

Why publish an open access journal?
Benefits are both to the research community and to you:

- Open access journals are freely available to readers, providing greater equality of access to information worldwide.
- Student-focused journals provide students with the opportunity to experience the scholarly publishing process, to improve their research and writing skills, and to connect with other experts in their field.
- Running an open access journal can increase your visibility and contacts within your research community as well as provide an opportunity to keep up with ongoing research.

Why publish with OJS at Boston College Libraries?

- It’s free. There are no costs to you for a website, for preservation, or for registering DOIs.
- It’s flexible. You can use OJS for the full editorial process, or you can perform editorial functions offline and just use OJS for publishing.
- It’s supported. Boston College Libraries handles the backend technical maintenance. We work with you to get your journal set up and provide guidelines and resources to help you make the necessary decisions and plans to develop and maintain your journal. We also provide training for journal managers and editors—one-on-one, as a group, with documentation. And we’re here if you have a question or need assistance.
- It’s proven. Boston College Libraries first began publishing ejournals in 2004 and began using OJS in 2008. We currently publish fourteen open access journals.

More information about publishing with OJS is available on our Open Access Journals at BC page at libguides.bc.edu/openaccess/bcjournals. Questions may be addressed to Subject Librarians or to ejournals@bc.edu.