

Publishing with PeerJ

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choose to publish Open
Access and not have to pay
any publication fees.

Q: What is a PeerJ Annual Institutional Membership (AIM)?

A: Our PeerJ Annual Institutional Membership (AIM) provides unlimited, fee-free Open Access publishing for UT authors.

Q: How does an Institutional Membership benefit me as an author?

A: Having an AIM means that you can publish your research openly without worrying about any extra expenses. You can submit to any PeerJ journal and not have to worry about paying an article processing fee or any page charges.

Q: Who is eligible to use the AIM membership?

A: Authors who are affiliated with UT, including faculty, staff, and students, are eligible to use the AIM membership. To use it, you must be one of the submitting (“Admin”) authors or the corresponding author.

Q: Is there a limit to the number of articles I can publish under AIM?

A: No, there is no limit. You can publish as many articles as you want during the membership period without worrying about article processing fees.

Q: Can I submit to any PeerJ journal?

A: Yes, there are no restrictions on which PeerJ journal you submit to. You can find all of the journals via peerj.com

Q: How do I know if our Membership is still active?

A: You can check with the university library to confirm if we have an active AIM membership with PeerJ. Or if you Google “PeerJ + University of Tennessee” then you’ll find [our membership page on the PeerJ website](#) and all the information you need.

Q: How do I submit an article under the AIM membership?

A: When you submit your article through PeerJ’s submission system, make sure to use your institutional email and indicate your affiliation with UT. PeerJ will automatically recognize your eligibility based on this information.

Q: Are there any additional benefits included in AIM?

A: AIM covers the publication cost for your research article irrespective of the article type, journal or length of the article. Optional services - such as copy-editing, graphical abstracts, and video abstracts - are not included and would have to be purchased separately.

Q: What happens if I submit, but the University decides not to renew our AIM whilst my article is still under review?

A: Don't panic! As long as our membership is active when you submit, your article will be published without the need to pay a fee.

Q: What if I have more questions or need assistance beyond this FAQ?

A: Feel free to reach out to the library or scholarly communications office for further guidance, or you can directly contact PeerJ at authors@peerj.com.

Q. I've never heard of PeerJ before. Who are they? Where can I find out more?

A. PeerJ are an award-winning, fully Open Access publisher, who have been active for over a decade. They publish a range of journals, promote developmental - and open - peer-review, and have an international editorial board made up of over 2000 academics. You can find out more about them - including indexing, journal metrics and more - at peerj.com

Q: My co-authors who aren't at UT don't have an AIM, but want their institution to get one. What should I do?

A: Suggest they have a friendly chat with their librarian or scholarly communications team, and send them the [Guide to AIMS](#). They can also contact PeerJ - communities@peerj.com - and ask them to provide them with a Membership Fee quote to share with the relevant decision makers.