

# What are Scholarly Journals?

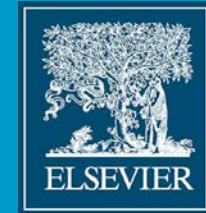
## AUTHOR

- Experts in their field. Have done research on the topic and generally have a high qualification in that area.
- Author's professional relationships usually stated, e.g. professional organizations and/or universities.



## PUBLISHER

- Usually a professional organisation or academic institution - interested in presenting the latest research within their particular subject area.



## AUDIENCE

- Other professionals, scholars and graduate students. Readers are looking for original research and ideas related to their area of study.



## PEER-REVIEWED CONTENT

- Peers (colleagues and/or fellow scholars) have reviewed the article and given feedback on its content prior to publication, ensuring a high level of quality and reliability.

## LANGUAGE

Often includes terminology or jargon associated with that particular field. May not be easily understood by a lay reader (general public).

## ABSTRACT

Usually at the start of the article - brief summary of content, called an *abstract*. Informs the reader about what points are covered and the general focus of the article. This is helpful as scholarly journal articles may be lengthy and complex. The abstract is a **quick way to decide if it is worth reading further.**



## REFERENCES / CITED BY

Scholarly articles are the result of considerable research. You will generally notice extensive Reference lists and citations to all sources used. These can also be useful sources to use.

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