Scottish Universities Press

An Introduction





WHY?



To provide a clear and cost-effective route for publishing research outputs Open Access.



To meet the Open Access requirements set by research funders.



To extend the benefits and impacts of research across the whole of society.

What?

- An online publishing platform owned and managed by Scotland's university libraries.
- The press will publish work from academics from participating institutions.
- We will cover all subject areas that receive submissions.
- We will focus initially on monograph publishing in the 2-year pilot phase with the wider ambition to include other types of content, including journals and e-textbooks.
- We will publish fully open access, peer-reviewed monographs.
- We will offer a paid for print on demand option.



18 Partners:









































How?

- The start-up costs of the press are met by participating institutions.
- The press will operate on a not-for-profit basis and any surpluses will be reinvested in the press for the benefit of all partners.
- A Management Board comprising representatives from all member institutions provides strategic direction.
- An Editorial Board will review proposals and contribute to the development and ongoing management of the peer review process.

Editorial Board

- Formed of academic colleagues in a wide range of disciplines across participating institutions.
- Aims to have broad representation across institutions, in geographical range and institution profile.
- Will support academics with a broad range of experience, including Early Career Researchers (ECRs).
- Editorial Board members will advocate for the press and encourage submissions, review proposals, and contribute to the management of the peer review process.
- Opportunity to apply was open to all academics at participating institutions.
- Editorial Board to be announced in **June 2022**.



WHEN?

Work will progress across project workstreams throughout 2022, with a view to launching the platform by the end of year





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Useful Links

- SCURL website: https://www.scurl.ac.uk/
- Proof of Concept for a Scottish Universities Press:
 https://www.scurl.ac.uk/s/SCURLOpenAccessReportAugust2019
 .pdf
- Video Introduction: https://youtu.be/3Tk4JnpJ_Gc