

Questionnaire for the study "Perceptions of Open Access Publishing by Faculties and Research Scholars of Tripura University: A study"

1. Name of the Department_____
2. Designation?
 - a. Professor & Head() b. Professor() c. Assistant Professor ()
 - d. Research Scholar () e. Guest Faculties
3. Faculty of
 - a. Science () b. Arts and Humanities ()
4. Gender
 - a. Male() b. Female()
5. How many years of teaching experience do you have?
 - a. 0-5 b.5-10 c.10-15 d.15-20 e.20-25 f. More than 20
6. Are you aware of Open Access publishing?
 - a. Yes() b. No()
7. If yes, have you ever accessed any Open Access journal?
 - a. Yes() b. No()
8. Which type of journal articles do you prefer the most
 - a. Open access only b. Subscription-based journal only c. Both
9. If you prefer reading open access articles, why?
 - a. It is freely available b. I am unaware of the resources subscribed by the university library
 - c. It is accessible from anywhere
 - d. Because I support open access publishing
10. Have you ever made your research article freely available on the World Wide Web?
 - a. Yes() b. No()
11. If yes, where have you made your Research/teaching available?
 - a. On the Departmental Web Site()
 - b. On a freely available institutional repository()
 - c. On my personal Webpage()
 - d. Other, if any please specify_____
12. How do you electronically disseminate or share the full text of research output prior to its formal publication?
 - a. I do not()
 - b. My own personal web page()
 - c. On a freely available Institutional repository()
 - d. On a freely available (Open Access) electronic()

- e. Other, if any please
specify_____

13. Which model best suits your medium of scholarly communication?

- a. Open Access (freely available online)()
- b. Commercial journal()
- c. Both open and subscribed journal()
- d. Journals subscribed by the consortia/university()

14. What is the reason for publishing an article in a journal? **(Multiple options can be chosen)**

- a. Publish or perish()
- b. API (Academic Performance Indicator)()
- c. Interest()
- d. Other, if any please
specify_____

15. What are the criteria you consider for publishing your article in a particular Journal?
(Multiple options can be chosen)

- a. Reputation of the journal()
- b. Impact factor()
- c. Readership()
- d. Speed of Publication()
- e. Reputation of editorial board()

16. Has the editor comments been helpful to your research?

- a. Yes()
- b. No()

17. Do you show any preference/loyalty towards a specific publisher?

- a. Yes()
- b. No()

18. Reason for not selecting Open Access journals? **(Multiple options can be chosen)**

- a. Lack of Reliability()
- b. Lack of high Standard()
- c. Lack of Quality()
- d. Lack of Awareness()
- e. Not always peer reviewed()
- f. Researchers not able to publish elsewhere publish in Open Access journals()
- g. Other, if any please
specify_____

19. Are you aware of predatory journals?

- a. Yes ()
- b. No ()

20. If yes, is it easy for you to recognize those predatory journals?

- a. Yes , I can recognize them well
- b. No, I find it difficult to identify them
- c. Others, specify.

Author-pay model vs. who should pay

21. Have you heard of author-pay model?
 a. Yes b. No
22. Do you support the idea of author-pay for the maintenance and other charges for open access publishers?
 a. Yes b. No
23. Who according to you, should pay the maintenance and other charges of open access publishing?
 a. University Grants Commission ()
 b. commercial sponsorship ()
 c. open access journal publishers should manage funds from donor agencies and relieve authors from developing countries ()
 d. Others (specify)
24. Do you feel that commercial sponsorship would pollute academic discourse?
 a. Yes () b. No()

Perceptions and use of open access journals

25. It ensures that my article will receive more citation
 a. Strongly agree b. Agree c. Neutral d. Disagree E. Strongly Disagree
26. Opens door for collaborative research
 a. Strongly agree b. Agree c. Neutral d. Disagree E. Strongly Disagree
27. A blessing for developing country researchers
 a. Strongly agree b. Agree c. Neutral d. Disagree E. Strongly Disagree
28. Ensure faster publication of my research work.
 a. Strongly agree b. Agree c. Neutral d. Disagree E. Strongly Disagree
29. Imposes extra pressure on authors to maintain high quality
 a. Strongly agree b. Agree c. Neutral d. Disagree E. Strongly Disagree
30. If given options, where would you like to get published?
 a. Open Access journal b. Subscription based journal c. Print only Journal.
31. Please give remarks if there is any.