

Introduction

French-language Scholarly Publishing in Canada: Portrait, Support and Challenges

The Canadian Institute for Research on Linguistic Minorities (CIRLM) and the Canada Research Chair on the Transformations of Scholarly Communication are conducting a study to determine the effects of the anglicization of research on knowledge dissemination tools. The study aims to provide evidence to support the actions of stakeholders in the field of knowledge dissemination in Canada's Francophone communities.

The purpose of our survey is to gain a better understanding of the situation and needs of French-language and bilingual journals in minority communities, as well as the challenges they face. We ask that you complete the survey based on your own experience. It can take as little as 20 minutes, but we suggest that you gather some information beforehand, based on the questions asked (see the complete survey by clicking this link). At any time, you can save your answers to complete the survey at a later time by clicking on "Save." You will receive an invitation to share your email address, to which a link will be sent. The link will allow you to complete the survey. The goal of the survey is to gather information about the journal for which you are responsible. No personal information will be collected for this research, and all participants will remain anonymous. A code will be assigned to each journal to preserve its anonymity. The same code will be used for data processing and analysis. The name of the journal will not be used or disclosed when the results of the research are published. The aim of this survey is to gather certain information about the journal. Only team members will have access to the data collected. Once the research has been completed, the senior researcher will be responsible for keeping the data under lock and key. The data collected will be used for this study and any future updates. It will be kept for a period of five (5) years, after which it will be securely destroyed.

If you would like to receive information about your participation in the study or about the results of the study, you may contact the senior researcher throughout the project and after its completion (see contact details below). If you have any ethical concerns about this project, would like to make a complaint, or have any other specific needs regarding this request for consent, please contact the office of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research at Université de Moncton (18 Antonine-Maillet Avenue, Pavillon Léopold-Taillon, Room 340, Université de Moncton, Moncton, New Brunswick, E1A 3E9; telephone: 506-858-4310; email: fesr@umoncton.ca).

By clicking on the "Start" button, you 1) understand the information provided about your participation in the research project, 2) are satisfied with it and 3) agree to participate.

Your agreement does not imply that you waive your legal rights and does not release the researchers, the initiator, the funder or the institutions involved from their legal and professional responsibilities. You may terminate your participation without having to justify yourself.

For further information about your participation or the results of the study, please contact the senior researcher and project lead, Éric Forgues of the CIRLM (by mail: 18 Antonine-Maillet Avenue, Maison Massey, Université de Moncton, Moncton, New Brunswick, E1A 3E9; by telephone: 506-858-4000 ext. #4668 or by email: eric.forgues@umoncton.ca).

To complete the survey, click on the button below:



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Questions

1. What is the name of the journal for which you are completing the questionnaire?

2. What is your position at the journal?

- Management
- Secretary, administrative assistant
- Editorial board member
- Other

Language of the journal

3. In which language(s) is your journal published? Check all that apply.

- French
- English
- Other

4. Over the past ten years, approximately what percentage of submitted articles has been rejected? If the journal is less than 10 years old, answer for the period during which the journal has been in operation.

Percentage:

4.1 What percentage of articles submitted in French were rejected?

Percentage:

4.1 What percentage of articles submitted in English were rejected?

Percentage:

5. Have you noticed a decrease in the number of articles submitted to the journal over the past 10 years? If the journal is less than 10 years old, answer for the period during which the journal was in operation.

- Yes
- No

6. Have you noticed a decrease in the number of articles submitted to the journal in French over the past 10 years ? If the journal is less than 10 years old, answer for the period during which the journal was in operation.

- Yes
- No

7. What is the percentage of articles published in French over the past 10 years ? If the journal is less than 10 years old, answer for the period during which the journal was in operation.

Percentage

8. Does your journal team make special efforts to increase the percentage of articles published in French?

- Yes
- No

8.1 If so, what are they?

8.1 If not, do you plan to do so?

- Yes
- No

If yes, what effort(s) do you plan to make?

8.1.1 If not, why?

9. What is the operating (or working) language of the journal?

- Only French
- Mostly French
- Both French and English
- Mostly English
- Only English

Publication format

10. What format(s) is(are) used to publish your journal?

- Print only
- Print and online
- Online only

10.1 Are there any plans to publish online in the near future?

- Yes
- No

10.1 What year did you start publishing online?

Please enter your first year of online publication:

10.1 Was the journal always published online only?

- Yes
- No

10.1.1 If not, what year did you stop publishing in print?

Please enter your last year of print publication:

11. What hosting or aggregation services does your journal use? Select all that apply.

- Atphon
- Cairn
- EBSCO
- Érudit
- Hein
- Highwire
- JStor
- LexisNexis
- OpenEdition
- Open Journal Systems (OJS)
- Persée
- Project Muse
- ProQuest
- Taylor and Francis
- Wiley-Blackwell
- Website (of a university, university press, scholarly organization, or other organization)
- Other
- Not applicable

Provide the address of the Website of the university, the university press, the scholarly organization, or the other organization.

Book review section

12. Is there a section in your journal for scholarly book reviews?

- Yes
- No

12.1 If so, is this section still relevant?

- Not at all relevant
- Somewhat relevant
- Very relevant
- Extremely relevant

12.1.1 Do you plan to keep it?

- Yes
- No

12.1.1.1 If not, has there ever been one?

- Yes
- No

12.1.1.1.1 If so, why was it eliminated?

Access to journal publications

13. How can readers access the journal's content?

- Subscription only
- Subscription and open access after an embargo period
- Subscription and freemium open access
- Fully open access

13.1 How many individual and institutional subscriptions do you have?

Individual

Institutional

13.2 Is your journal planning to move to open access?

- Yes
- No

13.1.1 If not, can you briefly tell us why?

13.1 What year did the journal start making its content (in whole or in part) available in open access?

Specify the year

14. What is the general trend in the number of articles consulted over the past five years?

- Declining
- More less stable
- Inscreasing
- Up and down
- Don't know
- Other

14.1 What is the general trend in the number of French-language articles consulted over the past five years?

- Declining
- More less stable
- Inscreasing
- Up and down
- Don't know
- Other

Transition to open access

15. Did the journal's editors encounter any difficulties in creating an open-access journal?

- Not at all
- Somewhat
- A lot
- Quite a lot
- I don't know

15.1. If so (somewhat, a lot, quite a lot), what types of difficulties? You can check more than one answer.

- Financial
- Technical
- Other

15.2. Did you receive assistance with the transition to open access?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

15.2.1 If so, what type of assistance ? You can check more than one answer.

- Financial
- Technical
- Other

Who provided you with financial assistance? You can check more than one answer.

- My university
- A granting agency
- Other

Which granting agency?

Who assisted you? You can check more than one answer.

- Service from my university
- Service from another organization (which one)?
- Service offered by a coworker

From which other organization?

15.3. Was the assistance provided adequate?

- Yes
- No

15.3.1 If not, what was missing?

Journal funding

16. Approximately how much was the cash expenditure to run the journal in 2022-2023?

Cash expenditure:

17. How is the editor of the journal compensated?

- No compensation, it's a volunteer position
- Relief credits are granted by the home institution
- Fees or salary are provided
- Other

18. What were the journal's revenues for 2022-2023 (excluding in-kind contributions)?

Revenues:

19. Looking back over the past three years, on average, what percentage of the revenues covered the journal's operating costs (excluding in-kind contributions and expenses)?

Percentage:

20. Excluding in-kind contributions, what were the journal's sources of revenue for the year 2022-2023? Check all that apply.

- University (internal funding)
- Subscriptions and sales
- Granting agencies (specify which one)
- Fees charged to authors
- Partners
- Other sources of funding (you can specify up to 5 sources)

University (internal funding)

Provide a percentage representing the revenue share:

Subscriptions and sales

Provide a percentage representing the revenue share:

Granting agencies

Specify the granting agency
and provide a percentage representing the revenue share:

Fees charged to authors

Provide a percentage representing the revenue share:

Partners

Provide a percentage representing the revenue share:

(1) Other sources of funding

Specify the source of funding

And provide a percentage representing the revenue share:

(2) Other sources of funding

Specify the source of funding

And provide a percentage representing the revenue share:

(3) Other sources of funding

Specify the source of funding

And provide a percentage representing the revenue share:

(4) Other sources of funding

Specify the source of funding

And provide a percentage representing the revenue share:

(5) Other sources of funding

Specify the source of funding

And provide a percentage representing the revenue share:

21. Does the journal strive to improve its financial situation?

Yes

No

Could you explain why ?

Can you tell us how?

22. How confident are you about the journal's financial future?

- Not confident at all
- Somewhat confident
- Fairly confident
- Completely confident
- I don't know

Can you briefly tell us why?

Final comments

23. What are some of the main challenges the journal has encountered?

24. How optimistic are you about the future of the publication of French-language articles in your journal?

- Not at all
- Somewhat
- A lot
- Quite a lot

Can you briefly tell us why?

25. Do you have any comments on matters you consider important that we have not covered?

26. Would you be willing to be contacted should we require further clarifications regarding your answers?

Yes

No

If so, can you provide us with a phone number and email address to contact you?

Conclusion

Thank you for your interest in our research !