Conferences and Publications

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Getting Published in the Academic Arena

The Importance of Publishing:
- Share your research with academic peers
- Enhance academic and professional résumés
- To obtain tenure

What type of publication process is best for me?
- Explore journals in your field
- Consult with your adviser
- Assess a journal’s impact factor
- Look at the submission guidelines
- Collaborate with others

Getting Organized:
- Start with an original idea. Look at what others have done and what hasn’t been done yet
- Choose a methodology that will best answer your research question
- Follow the same structure and organization that is expected in your field (look at journals to see what this may be)
- Keep track of your references
- Discuss the writing process early on when working with multiple authors

Submitting Your Manuscript:
- Follow the guidelines on the publisher’s website and meet deadlines (keep blind review in mind)
- Consult the editor(s) with specific questions
- Submit manuscript in publication’s desired format (electronically, mail)
- Include all materials (e.g., complete manuscript, cover letter, ISBNs of books reviewed)

Types of Feedback:
- Rejection
  - “The decision was difficult and we regret to inform you…”
- Revise and Rewrite
  - “While the reviewers were supportive of your paper they had specific concerns and based on their feedback we have concluded that your work should be revised and resubmitted.”
- Acceptance
  - “Congratulations, your article has been accepted!”
- Remember, do NOT submit identical manuscripts to multiple publications at the same time

For more information on the publishing process, visit with faculty in your department and check journals in your field.