



THE OPEN SCHOLARSHIP INITIATIVE (OSI)

WORKING TOGETHER TO CREATE THE GLOBAL FUTURE OF OPEN RESEARCH

More than ever before in our history, the future of humankind depends on improving the future of research. The many challenges we face are significant and urgent, from climate change to pandemics, but they can be tackled more effectively by improving the ability of researchers, policymakers, governments and citizens everywhere to discover, access, and reuse critical knowledge. Individually, we know some of the most promising of these solutions as open access, open data, open source/code, open science, open government, open educational resources (OER), and open methods. Collectively, these movements are referred to as “open solutions.”

Unfortunately, “open” isn’t well defined, and open advocates don’t speak the same language as policymakers and universities; different countries have different needs and constraints; different fields have different norms; different funders have different preferences; and most important of all, researchers themselves aren’t being consulted about what open solutions work best.

The OSI community has concluded after years of debate and research that the best way forward is to work together to build a better and more effective future for open solutions on our common ground. By working together, we can help also usher in a new era of discovery, where the research ecosystem will become more powerful and provide more benefit for all people and societies everywhere.

The purpose of OSI is to help build this more open, powerful and equitable foundation for the future for research. There are no other groups like us. OSI is the world leader in this effort.

OSI is a diverse, inclusive, global network of high level experts and stakeholder reps working together in partnership with UNESCO to develop broadly accepted, comprehensive, globally workable solutions for the future of more discoverable, accessible, reusable, and transparent research.

GOAL

OSI includes 450 high level participants, observers and alumni from around the world, representing 250 institutions, 30 countries, and 18 stakeholder groups in scholarly communication (such as universities, libraries, researchers, commercial publishers, funders, scholarly societies, government policy agencies, and non-university research institutions).

TEAM

Sponsors support global dialogue, research, policy development, and tech solutions design—not lobbying for one-size-fits-all ideologies, but conducting real work to better understand the needs of researchers and other groups, worldwide, and design a realistic, effective, collaborative, sustainable solutions framework that address these needs.

WORK

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