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More than 2.5 million scientific articles are published each year, and the number is constantly rising. As a result, it has never been more important to ensure that your article stands out.

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Make it easy to find

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Media relations

Research statement

If you would like journalists, media outlets and the public to pick up on your published paper, it can help to have a brief statement prepared which explains the significance of your research and its key outcomes in



simple language. This statement can be used as a basis for press releases or sharing on social media.

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- Make use of your institution's communication channels
- Contact Elsevier if you think your article is interesting for a wider audience

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Get started

- Pick a url at which to register your website. Try your name or a combination of initials and last name. You can check availability of urls and register them on sites such as GoDaddy, or DomainRegistry.com.
- Once you've registered a url, you can start creating your website. Use a platform such as WordPress, Weebly, Yola or Jiggy.
- Not all websites offer hosting, but WordPress, Weebly and Yola are among those that do. If a platform doesn't offer hosting, you can find a commercial provider which does.
- Use keywords in the text and metadata to increase the number of visitors who find your page through search engine searches.
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BLOG

Blogs are proven to be effective in promoting your research and having an impact. You can promote in-depth conversation via your blog, and build credibility by sharing information and responding to feedback from other researchers. Blogs require a regular time commitment. You may consider your blog a good exercise in learning how to communicate science to the public.

Once you've started your blog, write regular updates to showcase your research undertakings and other topics of interest. Make sure you provide links to your journal articles and publications. Readers can follow and subscribe to your posts, leave comments, and start conversations.

Get started

- Register with one of the several blogging websites and start designing your website.
- Invite friends and colleagues from your network to follow your blog.
- Some of the most popular sites offering simple-to-use blogging are blogger.com, wordpress.com, typepad.com and movabletype.com.

Social Media

Every day scholarly articles receive thousands of new mentions across social media, news and blogs. It's a powerful medium for reaching your potential readers.

You don't have to be on all social media – it can be best to find one or two channels that suit you and your purposes.



FACEBOOK

Facebook is a popular social media tool, but you can also leverage it for professional purposes. You can share photos, status updates and links regarding your research with your Facebook friends. Recent research¹ shows that the richness of the content that you share on Facebook raises the impact of the post, i.e. posting images and videos during business hours has a positive impact on Facebook likes and comments.

You can also join groups catering for your field of expertise, connect with like-minded research professionals and use Facebook as a collaborative space to share with fellow researchers.

Get started

- Make a profile on facebook.com
- If you want to keep your regular profile for only social purposes, create an author page for your professional endeavors
- Invite fellow researchers to be a friend
- Discuss ideas and carry out debates
- Link to your articles
- Share images, videos and audio recordings, e.g. AudioSlides, and a Graphical Abstract
- Recruit participants for research
- Join groups related to your research field

¹Sabate, Ferran, 2014. "Factors Influencing popularity of branded content in Facebook fan pages". European Management Journal. DOI: [10.1016/j.emj.2014.05.001](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.emj.2014.05.001)



WECHAT

WeChat is a fast growing instant messaging social network in China, but you can also leverage it for professional purposes. This mobile-based app offers you a great way to share photos, status updates and links regarding your research with your WeChat friends.

You can also join groups catering for your field of expertise, connect with like-minded research professionals and use WeChat as a collaborative space to share with fellow researchers.

Get started

- Install the app on your mobile phone
- Sign up with your phone number and make a profile
- Add your friends to your Contacts by scanning your mobile contacts or searching their WeChat ID, phone number, or QQ ID
- Invite fellow researchers to be a friend
- Discuss ideas and carry out debates in your groups
- Link to your articles
- Share images, status updates and links regarding your research
- Ask your friends to add you to groups related to your research field



WEIBO*

Known as Chinese Twitter, Weibo is one of the most popular social network in China. It gives you a chance to share quick thoughts using no more than 2000 Chinese characters (4000 English characters), and 140 Chinese characters for re-posts and comments. Today, millions of people are active on Weibo. It's a great way to share your current research, publications and links to new blog posts.

Get started

- Make a profile on weibo.com
- If you want yourself and your research field to be discovered easier, apply for verification for your account
- Follow other researchers and thereby increase your own following
- Post regular content, e.g. links to hot papers, events and conferences
- Respond promptly to direct messages and comments
- Repost. By promoting other members of your community you are raising your own profile at the same time
- Use images. A picture is twice as likely to be reposted as text

* "Weibo" is often used generically to refer to Sina Weibo.



TWITTER

Twitter is a news and social networking service where you can post messages and interact with others, using 280 characters or less.

The platform is popular among academics and is an effective medium for promoting your work and discussing developments in the field.

Get started

- Make a profile on twitter.com
- Follow other researchers and thereby increase your own following
- Post regular content, e.g. links to hot papers, events and conferences
- Respond promptly to direct messages and comments
- Retweet. By promoting other members of your community you are raising your own profile at the same time
- Use images. A picture is twice as likely to be retweeted as text



WIKIPEDIA

Wikipedia is the well-known, free, online encyclopedia where registered users can create and edit entries. Not everyone can have a Wikipedia page; once you've published several books and articles, and have gained a solid reputation in your field, you have a better chance of successfully obtaining one. Links to your article from a Wikipedia page will dramatically increase your SEO. You can try to include an entry with a link to your article on a relevant topic page. Wikipedia has many guidelines for writing an entry, so check its website for more details.

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Boost your career

Increase your visibility to your peers. Showcase your education, research interests, professional experience, editorships, peer review activity and lots more

Article metrics

Who's talking about papers online and what's being said? Article metrics allow you to track and analyze online activity around your article.

Online article mentions are monitored from social media sites (e.g. Twitter, Facebook), science blogs, many mainstream media outlets (including the NY Times, The Guardian, non-English language publications like Die Zeit and Le Monde and special interest publications like Scientific American, and New Scientist) and reference managers for mentions of academic papers.

Via our journal homepages, we will show Top-10 lists of popular articles. Any article covered on Scopus will both show article metrics and percentile comparisons to articles of the same type and age.

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Further information and training

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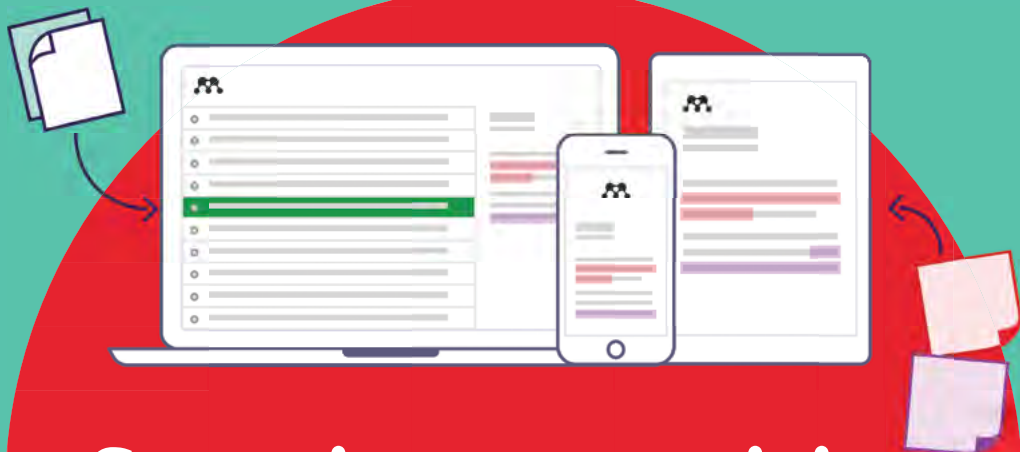
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Conclusion

The availability of online and social media tools help you to get noticed today. Online media promotes your research findings and publications to a wider audience making your research more visible.

As a result, you'll attract more readers, potentially increase citations, build a stronger reputation and expand your professional network. The efforts you make online today will make you stronger offline tomorrow – so get involved, and get noticed!



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