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**What is peer review?**

Peer reviewed articles are generally articles that have been reviewed in detail by scholars in the same field. So, what’s the big deal and why is peer-review important?

Well, your professors do more than just teach. They also play the role of a researcher. Their research can vary depending on their field, and can be published in a book or journal.

Scholarly research can sometimes take several years and is a long process! Once the paper is written, the researchers will send it to a journal that undergoes the peer review process. Not every journal has a peer review process, which is why you have to be careful when selecting journal articles for your own research.

The editor reviews the submission and sends out copies to other scholars in the same field. These scholars are experts in the subject and have already published their own original research. These scholars are the peer reviewers, sometimes they’re called referees.

When the peer-reviewers are reading the submitted article, the major questions they ask are: Is the research new and interesting? Do the research and results make sense? The reviewers send their notes back to the editor and the editor decides if the paper should be published in the journal. If it is accepted, the editor will send the article to the researcher with corrections and suggestions for revisions.

Most articles are rejected by prominent journals so the process of review is pretty tough. But, when you select an academic journal article from a peer-reviewed journal, you can be assured that you’ve selected a credible source for your research.

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