

# Survey on Diamond Open Access in the Netherlands

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# Our survey

Our survey explores the motivations and challenges researchers face when publishing in Diamond Open Access (DOA). Understanding these factors is key to supporting equitable and sustainable publishing practices.

## Objectives:

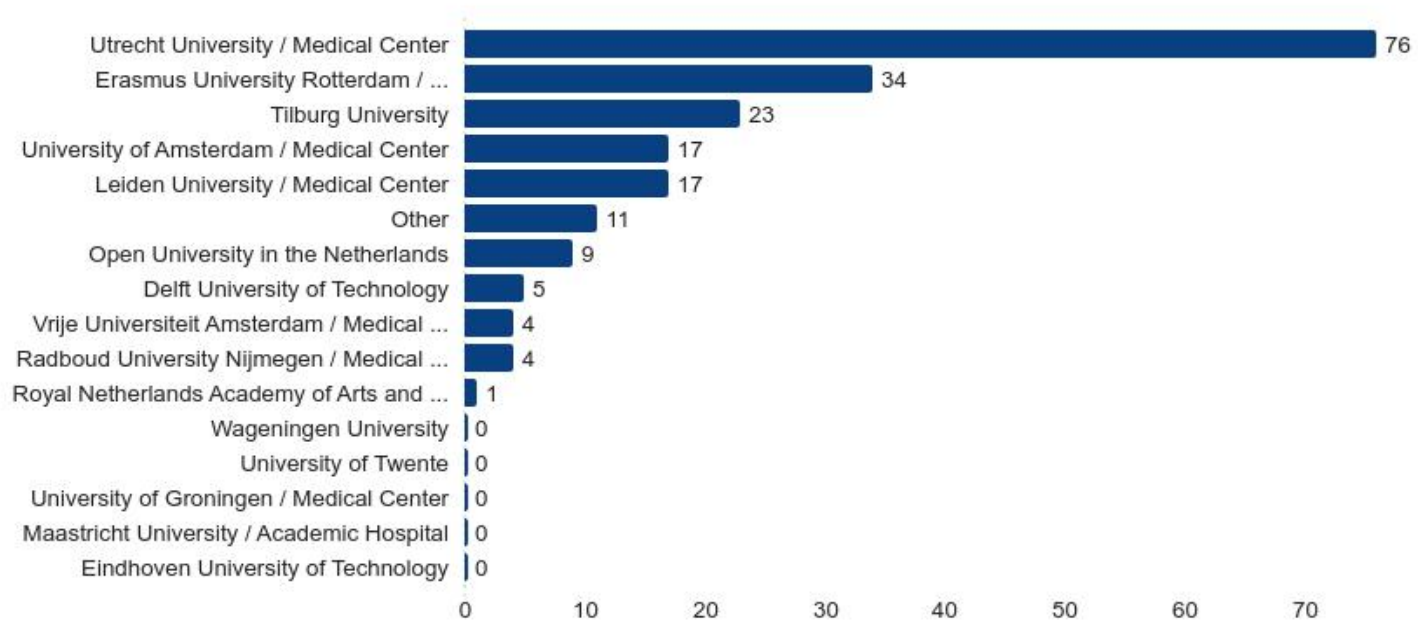
- Identify what motivates or discourages researchers from choosing DOA
  - Explore ways to better support them in this process



# Distribution of respondents across different universities

Q1 - Which research university are you affiliated with? - Selected Choice

201 Responses



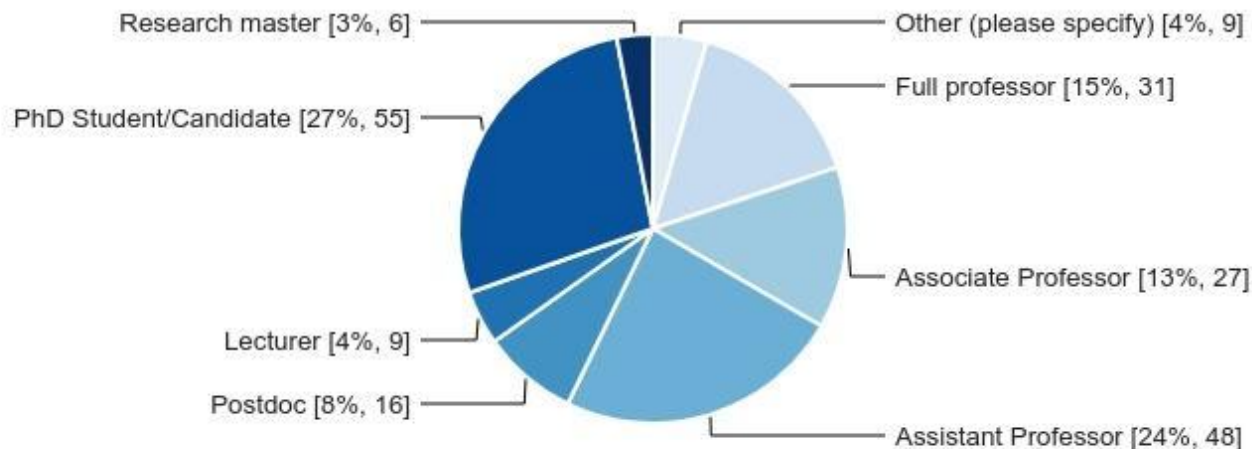
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# Position of the respondents

Q2 - What is your current position? - Selected Choice

201 Responses

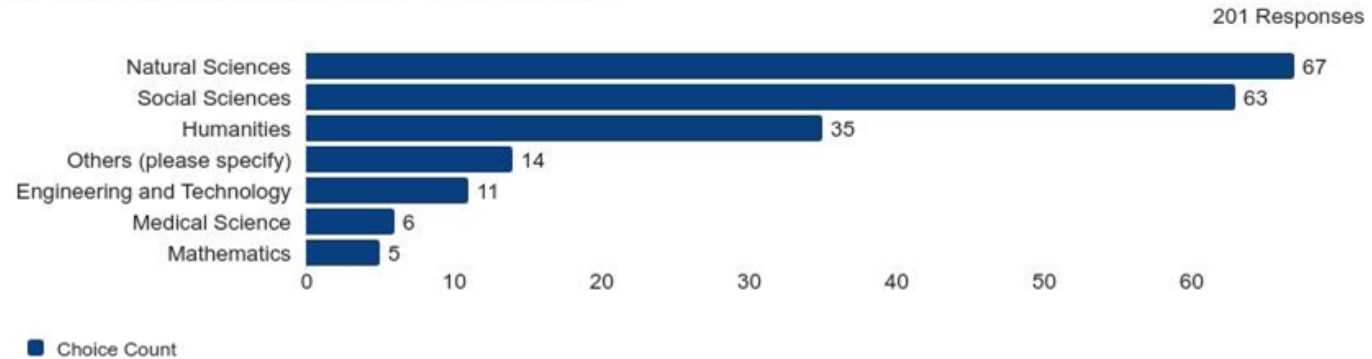


Other (please specify) Full professor Associate Professor Assistant Professor Postdoc Lecturer  
PhD Student/Candidate Research master

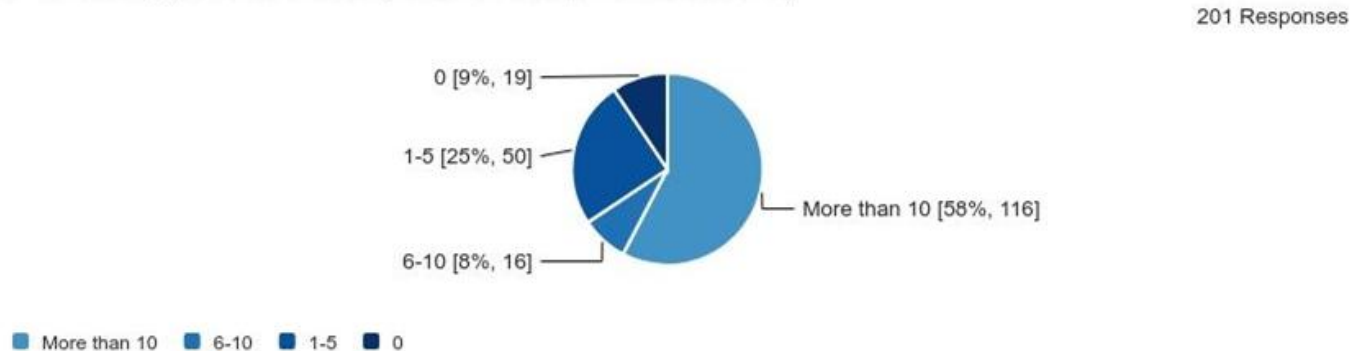


# Field of research and number of publications

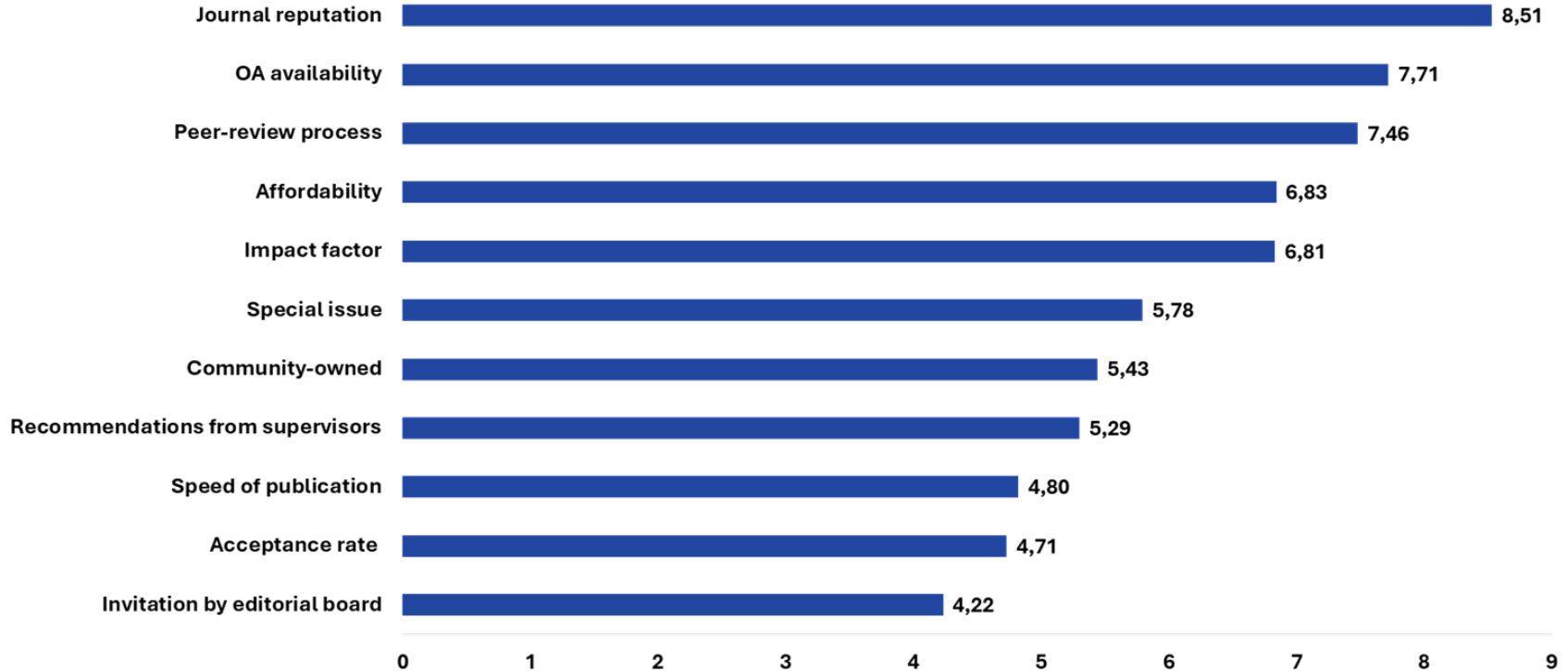
Q4 - What is your field of research? - Selected Choice



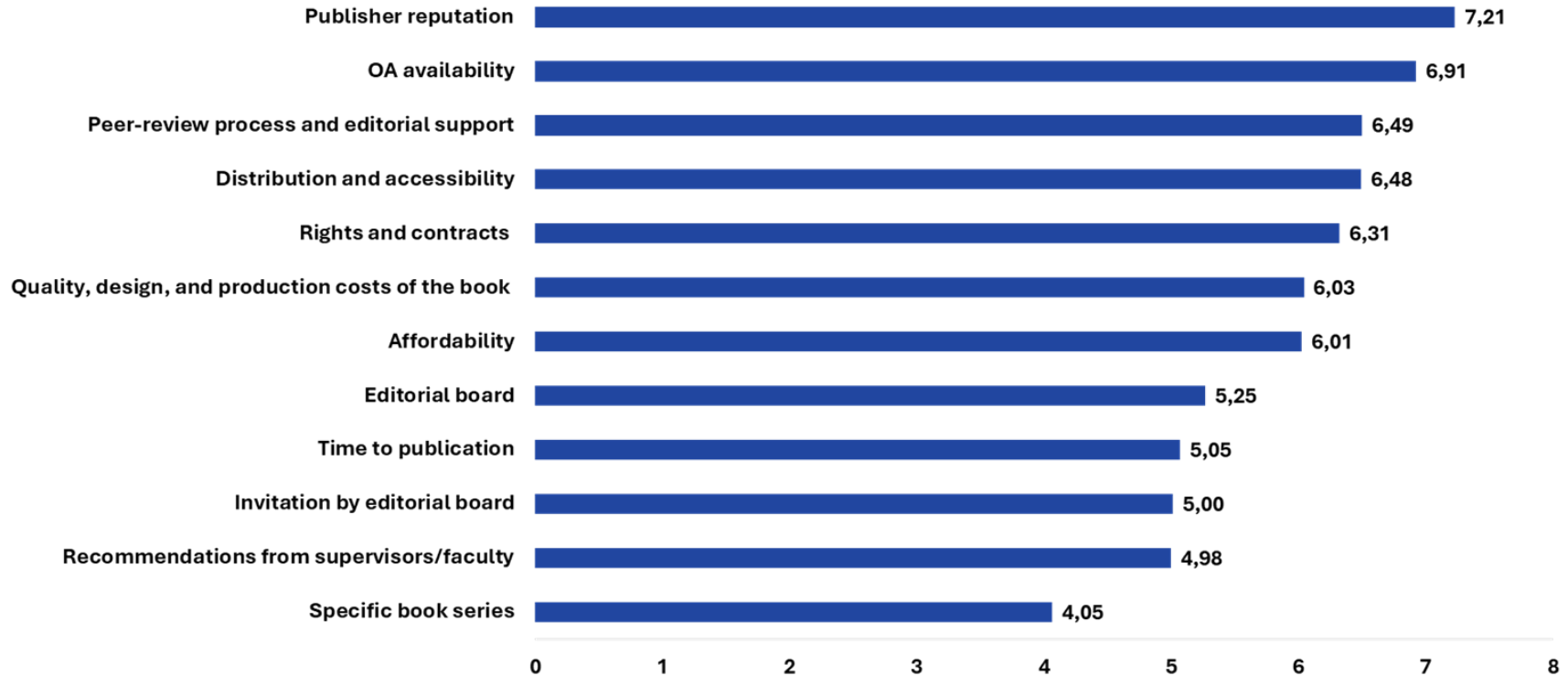
Q5 - How many publications have you had so far? (books and articles)



# Factors influencing publication in journals



# Factors influencing publication in books



# Knowledge about DOA before the survey

Q6 - Before this survey, were you familiar with the term "Diamond Open Access (DOA)"?

172 Responses

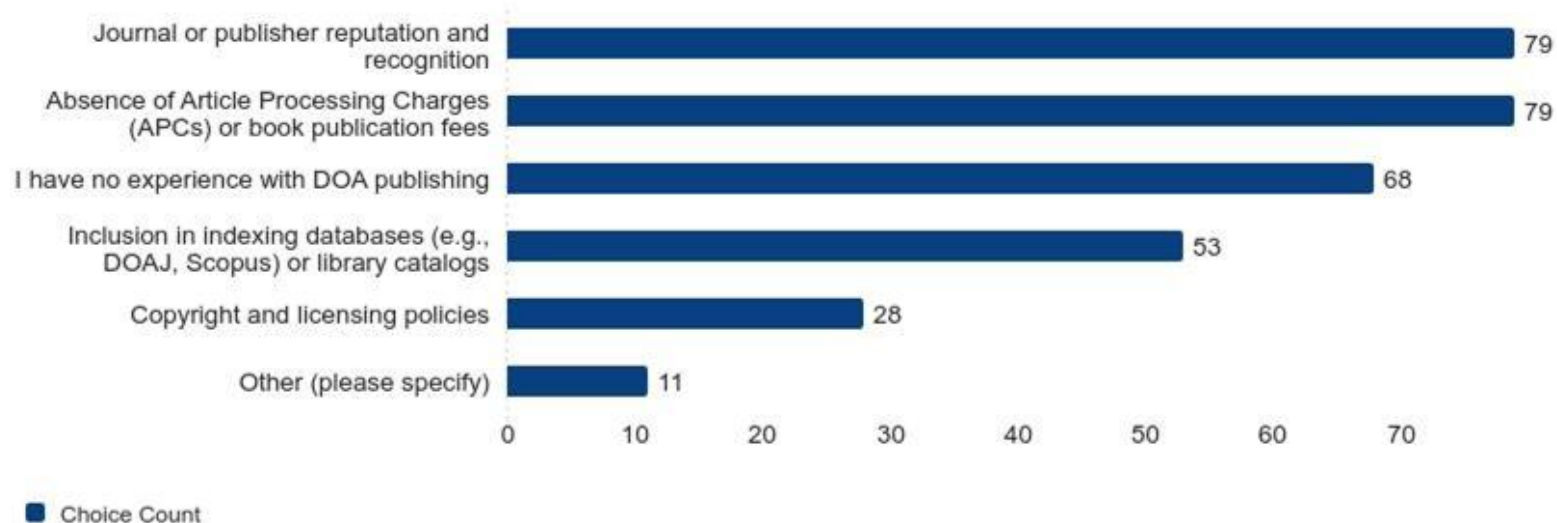




# Influencing factor in publishing decision

Q14 - If you have published or considered publishing a book or an article in Diamond Open Access, what factors influenced your decision? (Select all that apply) - Selected Choice

161 Responses



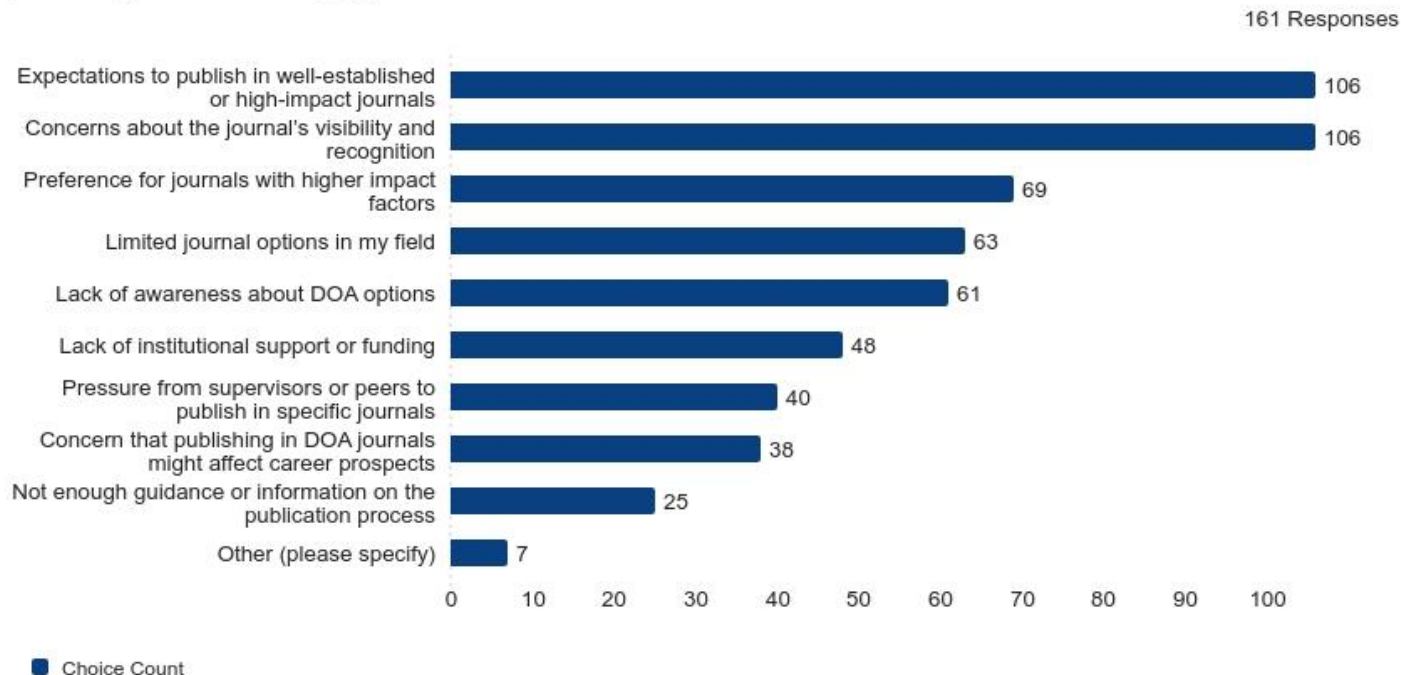
Other answers:

- Required to publish OA by project
- For early career researchers, it's important to publish in reputable journals



# Main barriers to publishing in DOA journals

Q15 - What do you perceive as the main barriers for you or for other people to publishing in Diamond Open Access journals? (Select all that apply) - Selected Choice



Other answers:

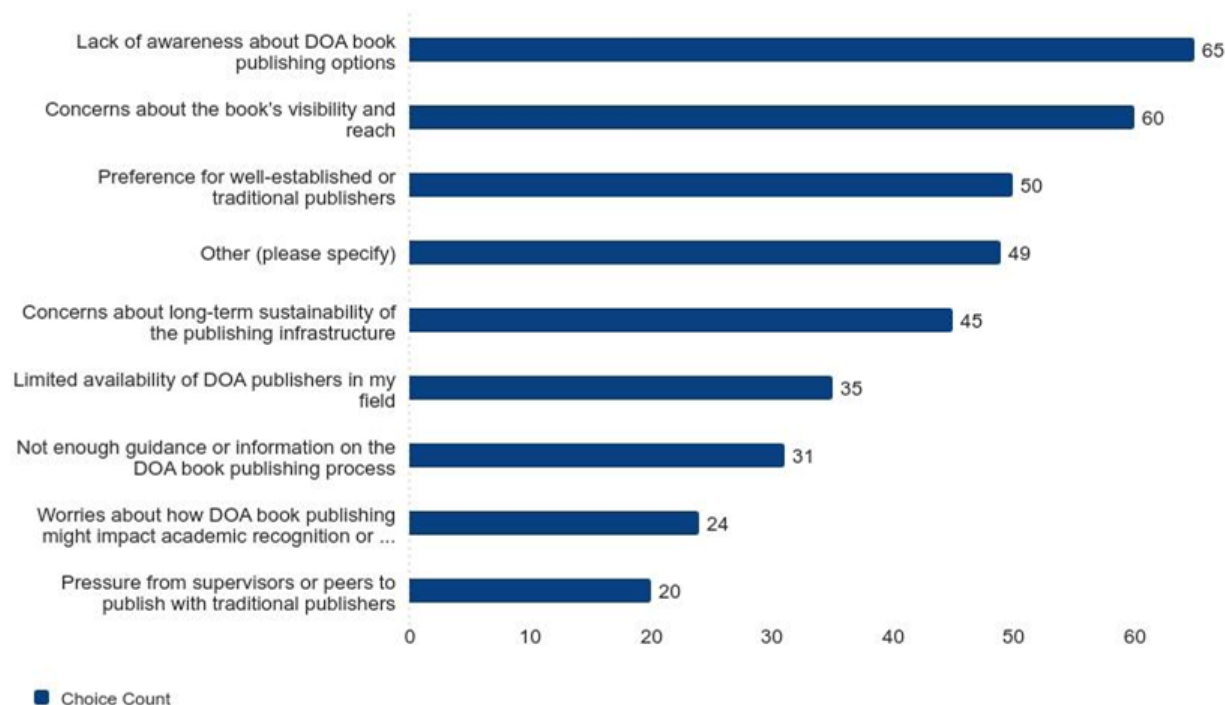
- Concerns about sustainability of the journal



# Main barriers to publishing DOA books

Q16 - What do you perceive as the main barriers for you or other people to publishing books in a Diamond Open Access model? (Select all that apply) - Selected Choice

161 Responses



Other answers:

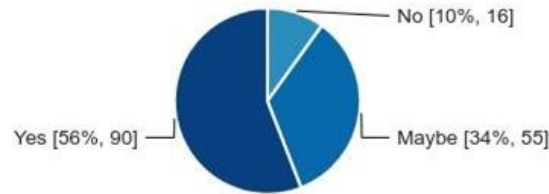
- Concerns about usage of materials for AI training



# Early-career researcher option and university support

Q12 - Do you think publishing in a Diamond Open Access model is a suitable option for early-career researchers? (If you are not an early-career researcher, please answer this question from the perspective of a supervisor or mentor.)

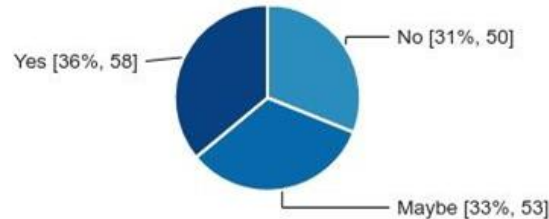
161 Responses



■ No ■ Maybe ■ Yes

Q13 - Do you know if your university offers any support for publishing in the Diamond Open Access model?

161 Responses

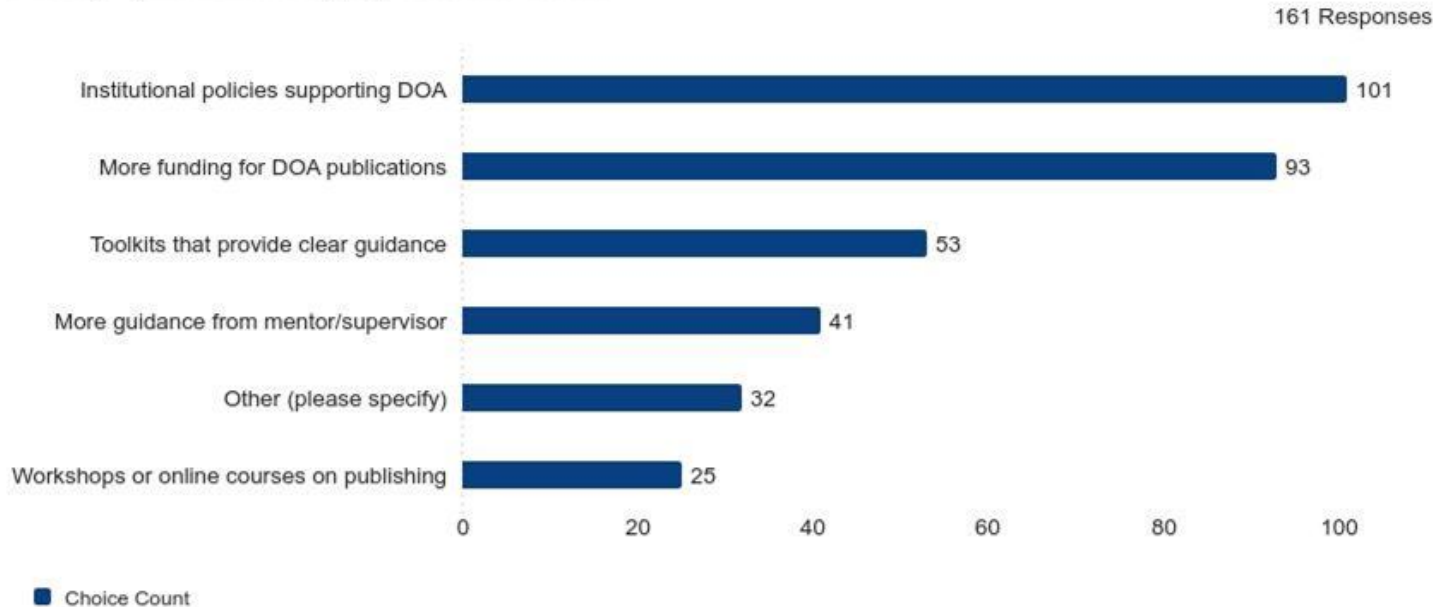


■ No ■ Maybe ■ Yes



# Support wanted for publishing in DOA

Q17 - What support or resources would help you decide whether to publish in a Diamond Open Access outlet (journal or book)? (Select all that apply) - Selected Choice



Other:

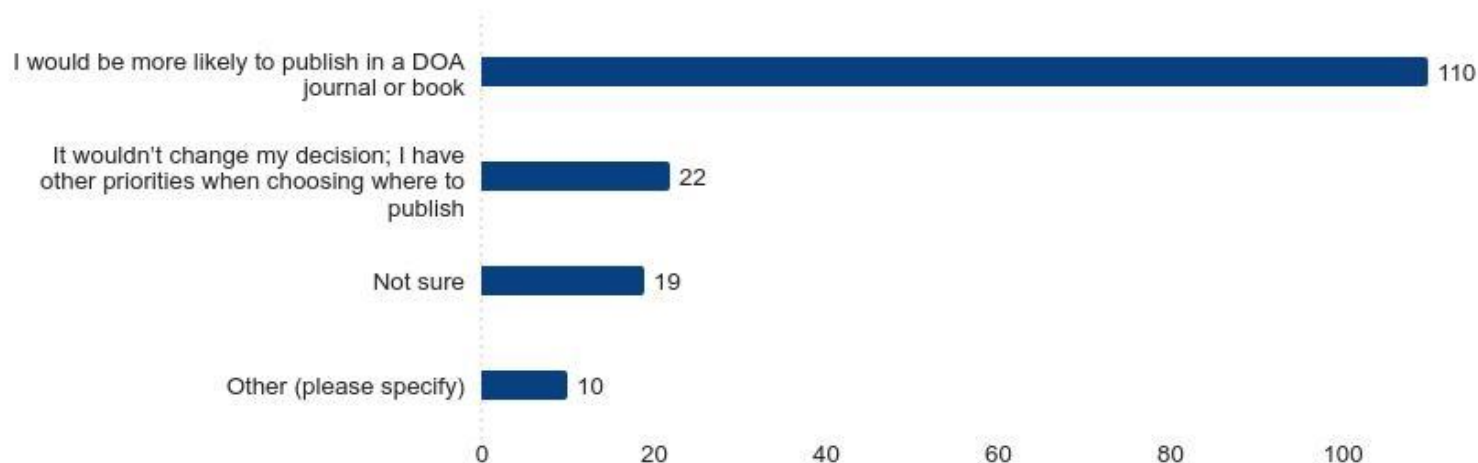
- Good research engine to finding DOA journal across many academic fields
- More DOA journals with a good reputation



# How support from university would change the responders' opinion of using DOA

Q18 - If your university offered support for publishing in a Diamond Open Access journal or book, would you consider using this option? - Selected Choice

161 Responses



■ Choice Count



# Survey & Interview Insights

- Motivations for DOA are often personal and principled
- Career pressure and journal reputation remain key barriers
- Field-specific culture strongly affects publishing behavior

## Opportunities for Supporting DOA

- Awareness and knowledge gaps are significant
- Practical support matters
- Systemic change is slow – but possible





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# Thank you!

