

Offer of Services: Branded Preprints

Background

The Open Science Framework (OSF; <http://osf.io>), a hosted web-application and public good application framework, connects the infrastructure of science to enhance transparency, increase reproducibility, and accelerate innovation. OSF Preprints (osf.io/preprints) supports the public sharing of research outputs for all disciplines of research, and extends the application framework to allow researchers to easily make manuscripts associated with their research available for public discoverability, comment, review, and citation.

In 2016, The Center for Open Science (COS; cos.io) launched the preprint interface to allow the easy discovery and upload of preprints to an “Open” repository for any discipline. In addition, COS provides branded preprint services for communities interested in supporting preprints for a specific discipline, research topic, geography or other commonality. The branded preprint services are built on OSF Preprints infrastructure, a shared tool set for file upload, metadata, and supplemental materials. OSF Preprints and branded preprint services are integrated with [SHARE](https://share.osf.io) for search and discovery. SHARE allows users to search across all preprint platforms, include those hosted by other groups such as arxiv, bioRxiv, and PeerJ.

To find out more about OSF Preprints and branded services, including more detailed technical requirements and a [submission form](#) for this and other requirements, go here: cos.io/preprints

OSF Preprints benefits

Share work. OSF Preprints makes sharing research in your community as easy as uploading a file. Researchers can post their work to one or many preprint services and solicit feedback and cite their work. Others in the community can easily make comments or engage authors on topics of interest.

Connect the research. OSF Preprints integrates the OSF project infrastructure to allow researchers to include any supplemental data, materials, code or other information about their work. Any of these items can be stored and preserved on the OSF’s storage, or through one of the many connected services like Github, Dropbox, AmazonS3, Box, GoogleDrive, OwnCloud and others. Additionally, if researchers are already using the OSF for their project, they can easily identify the file in their project they wish to use for their preprint and connect it to the preprint service(s) of their choice.

Improve Discoverability. By using OSF Preprints for a branded preprint service, preprints will be discoverable at osf.io/preprints which harvests data from most preprint platforms in use today. Using a keyword or subject taxonomy, visitors can find works uploaded to specific branded

services or similar ones among the millions of preprints currently available through the OSF Preprints interface

Preserve for the future. OSF provides highly secure, redundant archiving services for confident preservation of research materials and data.

COS will provide:

- Mapping to a unique URL, such as [osf.abc.org](#).
- A landing page at the unique url on the OSF that is available by means of:
 - External Internet search engine
 - Direct link
 - Clicking on the branded service identifier on a preprint detail page
- Search for preprints by keyword or by selected taxonomy of all preprints added to the preprint archive
- Upload of preprints to the preprint archive

You will be responsible for:

- Selecting and securing a url structure for the landing page redirect
- Providing logos and color palette to be used on the branded pages. See specs [here](#).
- Placing a link to the unique url on appropriate organizational websites.
- Announcements and marketing for the branded preprint service.
- Reviewing and approving any press releases issued by COS about your organization's adoption of the OSF branded preprints service.
- Establishing and maintaining governance of your branded service and ensuring alignment with COS's terms of service and privacy policy for all usage of COS maintained services
- Reviewing and agreeing to the [Domain Policy](#) should the preprint server be located on an external url

Funding Model

At present, communities are not charged by COS to launch and host a branded preprint service. Instead, branded service partners agree to sharing responsibility with COS for fundraising to support the branded service, the application framework supporting preprints, and the organizational costs maintaining these services. This includes branded service partners applying for grants and joining in shared fundraising efforts to support these services. Success and sustainability of preprint services will require collaborative efforts to connect and expand funding sources across scholarly communities for an efficient, effective, shared infrastructure.


Benefits

Adoption of the OSF Preprint branded services will streamline the availability of research and increase discoverability by allowing users/visitors from your discipline to:

- Share their research at the time of their choosing
- Connect supplemental project materials and data to their preprint

- Receive feedback on their work
- Cite their work with persistent urls or DOIs

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