

## ***International Perspectives in U.S. Psychological Science Journals: Proceedings of a Workshop in-Brief***

### **Highlights for Professional Societies, Publishers, and Journal Editors**

This document highlights key suggestions from participants in a June 2021 workshop for psychological science journal editors on how to increase international perspectives in U.S.-based psychology journals. The workshop was organized by the U.S. National Committee for Psychological Science of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. For additional information, see the [full proceedings](#) or the [webinar](#) that followed the workshop.<sup>1</sup>

#### **For Professional Societies, Publishers, and Journals**

- ***Mission statements:*** Add an international focus to the journal's mission statement.
- ***Representation:*** Ensure that editorial teams and reviewers include representatives from non-WEIRD (western, educated, industrialized, rich, democratic) countries.
- ***Outreach, recruitment, and support:*** Provide early-career researchers from WEIRD countries with support through a mentored reviewer or author program.
- ***Editorial support:*** Create a fund to provide language assistance before the review stage to authors who typically communicate in languages other than English.
- ***Open access and subscriptions:*** Provide English editing services to scholars from low- and middle-income countries (LMIC) and assist with or waive open access fees.
- ***Media and press:*** Use a society's press operations to highlight international papers.
- ***Predatory Journals:*** Identify and caution against predatory journals that target international scholars who feel pressured to publish.

#### **For Editors**

- ***Policies and statements:*** Develop culturally sensitive policies that require descriptions of the sample and its diversity for all manuscripts.
- ***Open science:*** Provide alternatives/exceptions to requirements for data-sharing before publication, which may be too burdensome for researchers from some institutions.
- ***Methods:*** Give more space to replication studies in LMIC countries that apply psychological theories in local contexts and be open to less traditional methods.
- ***Samples:*** Refrain from asking for the inclusion of a WEIRD comparison group, especially when the focus is an in-depth examination of a particular community.
- ***Notice to reviewers:*** Provide specific instructions to reviewers about the importance of including scholarship from non-WEIRD scholars and about non-WEIRD populations.
- ***Special issues:*** Issue calls for international papers, perhaps in special issues, while being careful not to marginalize international topics.
- ***Mentorship and training against bias:*** Offer training in how to write constructive reviews for international authors that consider the challenges of the context. Create checklists for reviewers about ways to avoid western biases.

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