

Academic Writing Q&A Series:

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About me

- Over 20 years working at the intersection of academic libraries, scholars, and technology
- Over 10 years on a STEM campus
- International career (US native now working/living in Europe)
- Editorial assistance (with formal acknowledgment) for over 40 peer-reviewed STEM articles
- On the editorial board of two journals, one based in Canada and one in Austria
- Independent consultant working mostly with doctoral candidates, postdoctoral researchers, and professors
 - All answers in this video reflect my experience in scholarly publishing to date (in the future, some things might change)

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Answer:

This is certainly possible, as long as you are transparent about the fact that your work is ongoing and that:

- Each manuscript (ideally) has its own research questions (i.e., is novel)
- Fills its own research gap, with results that are relevant to your community

Colleagues that I work with typically will use conferences as their venue for in-process work, opting to present lightning talks or submit “short papers” or posters (if these options are available at a conference in your field) focusing on different aspects of the interim results

When in doubt about what to do, ask your mentor and/or trusted colleagues for their advice about your publication plans.

What we learned today

- Consider conference submissions as an alternate to full manuscripts for ongoing work
- Your mentor and/or trusted colleagues are the best people to ask about your plans