

# Tackling Climate Crisis Needs Effective Research Collaboration — Now, More than Ever!

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Climate crisis is one of the most pressing issues of our time. It threatens both our environment and our way of life. That's why it's so important for researchers to come together and share their findings in an open and accessible way. By collaborating and publishing their research in open access journals, scientists can ensure that their work will have the widest possible reach and impact.

Given the complexity of the climate change issue and the need for urgent action, we need to develop an innovative and effective interdisciplinary approach to climate research. However, the reality is that the traditional climate research community is not very effective at creating collaboration and impact, and has been struggling to meet the [challenges of funding and collaboration](#).

## Climate Crisis: What the World Needs Now

There is no question that climate crisis is one of the most pressing issues of our time. The world is already feeling the effects of climate change, and the situation is only getting worse. We need to take action to mitigate the effects of climate change and prevent further damage.

One of the most important things the world can do to address climate crisis is to transition to renewable energy sources. Fossil fuels are a major contributor to greenhouse gas emissions, and switching to renewable energy would help to reduce these emissions. Additionally, renewable energy is more sustainable and environmentally friendly than fossil fuels. The world needs to make the switch to renewable energy as soon as possible.

Another important step is to address climate change by promoting sustainable practices. Such as, encouraging scientific progress with research collaborations and providing easy access to research findings among the scholarly community. Sustainability not only includes reducing waste, conserving resources, and protecting natural habitats, but also includes thorough and continuous growth in research outcomes with global accessibility. Thus, sustainability is key to preserving our planet for future generations.

## Need for Open Access Publishing

The process of scientific research is a long and complex one. In order to make significant progress on tackling climate crisis, there must be an effective way to collaborate with each other. Open access publishing makes this possible by giving everyone access to the latest research findings. This way, we can build on each other's work and make even more progress.

Open access publishing also has the added benefit of making research more widely available. This is especially important for early career researchers and scientists in developing countries who may not have the same level of access to traditional journals. But it's not just about access; open access publications are also typically less expensive than their subscription-based counterparts. This makes them more affordable for everyone, regardless of their budget.

## Research Collaboration Tackles Climate Crisis

Research collaboration is vital for tackling climate change. By sharing data and findings, scientists can work together to identify patterns and trends, and develop solutions to the challenges researchers face.

Through collaboration, scientists from different disciplines can share their expertise and knowledge, and pool their resources to make progress on critical climatic issue. By working together, the research community can find ways to mitigate and adapt to climate change, and protect our planet for future generations.

A new research collaboration between the University of Exeter and the University of Oxford is aiming to [tackle the issue of climate crisis](#). The two institutions are working

together to develop a new approach to climate crisis research, which they hope will help them improve our understanding of the problem and find new ways to address climate crisis.

The collaboration will focus on four key areas:

- Role of the oceans in climate change,
- Impact of climate change on the natural environment,
- Social and economic impacts of climate change,
- Policy responses to climate change.

The collaboration is being led by Professor Tim Lenton, from the University of Exeter, and Professor Myles Allen, from the University of Oxford. Both are world-renowned experts in their field. The aim is to bring together the strengths of both institutions to create a world-leading research team.

## Challenges in Research Collaboration

In the past decade, research collaboration has become increasingly common, as scholars strive to pool their resources and expertise in order to solve complex problems. However, this trend has also led to a number of challenges, which must be addressed if collaboration is to continue to be effective.

### Increasing Cost of Research Publishing

One such challenge is the increasing cost of scholarly journals. As more and more scholars are working together, the need for open access journals has never been greater. However, many publishers are unwilling to make their journals open access, due to concerns about lost revenue. This issue must be resolved if collaboration is to be sustainable in the long term.

### Use of Outdated Technology for Collaboration

Another challenge facing research collaboration is the fact that it often relies on outdated technology. Platforms like emails and conference calls are not well-suited to the needs of modern scholarship, which demands instant communication and real-time feedback. If collaboration is to remain effective, new technologies must be embraced.

### Open Access — A Double-edged Sword!

Furthermore, open access also poses challenges for research collaboration, as it can create information asymmetries between researchers. For example, if one researcher is unable to access a particular piece of research, they may be at a disadvantage when collaborating with other researchers who have access to that research.

In recent years, open access publishing has become increasingly popular, as it allows for greater sharing of research findings. However, open access publishing is a double

edged sword and thus can both facilitate and hinder research collaboration. Only by addressing these challenges in research collaboration may rescue the combat against climate crisis.

## How to Deal with Challenges in Research Collaboration?

Individual researchers take up most of the crucial research work and work alone, in isolated environments. Therefore, to combat the global problem of climate change, we need to take quick action to rectify this situation. The best way to tackle this is to spread the awareness and help researchers participate in international collaborations.

With a gain in momentum of [open access \(OA\) publishing](#), research community has experienced benefits from academic libraries to funders to research institutions. The ability to access and read essential research materials has proved of utmost importance for scientists, students, and the public; in the greater scheme of events to save our planet.

Have you ever collaborated for your research study? How was your experience and how it benefited your research? Write to us or leave a comment below.

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