

# Open Access Week: What a Researcher Can Learn?

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Want to learn more about open access publishing? Now is the time. October 20–26 is [Open Access Week](#) (OAW), during which seminars will be conducted all over the world on the subject of open access publishing. What can you learn? I signed onto the [Open Access Directory's events list](#) to find out.

## Universities

Scores, if not hundreds, of universities offer a variety of free seminars during OAW. For example, at Ohio State University you can learn about the following:

- How to disseminate your work online
- Creating a website or blog to showcase your research
- Options for publishing digital content at the university

The University of Central Florida offers an all-day seminar with speakers from IEEE, Springer, Gale, and Taylor & Francis giving their perspective on open access publishing. Other topics include blogging and tweeting your open access work; lost data, the specter of the information age; and open access and scholarship in Africa.

Auckland University of Technology hosts seminars on October 21–23 on the subject of the basics of OA publishing, its [pros and cons](#), and how to make use of the options available.

## Online Seminars

Not all seminars are on campus. Some are conducted online and are open to all. For example, Victoria University in Australia offers a lunchtime webinar on October 23 on [open access publishing models](#), hybrid models, and open monographs.

## Other Resources

Browsing through the open access week offerings can turn up other useful information. [Impactstory](#) offers customized OAW presentations on these topics: How to get credit for practicing open science, Altmetrics 101, Why Open Research is critical to your career. “Private screenings” may also be arranged by contacting the organizer. For a university with many parties interested in open access publishing, this would be a fine option. Besides the Open Access Directory’s lists, skim through the Open Access Week website at <http://www.openaccessweek.org/> to find out what resources might be available.

## Inspiration For the Future

Does your university offer seminars during OAW? If not, scanning through the resources above should give you plenty of ideas on how you might sponsor a seminar next year. Whether lunch-hour session, all-day seminar, or online program, there is sure to be a way to spread the word about the possibilities of open access publishing.

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