

## Opscidia's scientific advisory board

[Opscidia](#) is a free and Open access [publishing platform](#), for peer-reviewed academic journals. Opscidia's creation, in May 2019, stemmed from two observations:

- Technical needs for scholarly publishing are very diverse and no unique solution can fit the needs of all.
- By sharing their research results and their knowledge through articles, researchers create an underexploited resource. Helping reuse these research results could fund a totally free publishing platform such as ours.

Based on these two observations, we have developed a modular platform that allows the implementation of the latest innovations in the field of scholarly publishing to answer to the needs of each and every editorial committee with whom we want to work. The principles that underpin our work are described in [our manifesto](#).

It is within this framework that we want to create a scientific advisory board. It will have a consultative and strategic role and will consist in 6 to 15 members with diverse profiles in terms of discipline, career stage, gender and geographic origin.

The main roles of this scientific advisory board will be:

- to reflect and suggest on the needs of researchers as well as on the good practices that our platform should adopt to ensure the quality of the publications as well as the freedom of editorial committees with whom we collaborate.
- to examine the journal proposals received by Opscidia to ensure that they meet the quality standards expected from an academic journal (originality of the editorial project, quality of the editorial committee, rigor of the peer review process)

The scientific advisory board will also tackle other subjects, including some of an operational nature. Conversations will mostly take place by email, in particular to tackle the case of new journals. Face-to-face meetings or videoconferences can be organised once or twice a year, if needed, either at the request of Opscidia's team or at the request of the members of the advisory board.

Scientific Advisory Board members will serve a two-year term, renewable once.