## The Journey of a Manuscript:

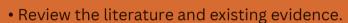
The highs, the lows and answering the do-not-knows!

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- Start by building on existing literature and your past research.
- Clearly identify the gaps in knowledge that need attention.
- Dive deep into your topic, but make sure not to lose momentum by over-researching.
- Yarn, yarn and keep yarning through ideas!





• Synthesise what's important and relevant to your research idea or your past research.



Researcher Tip: Do not underestimate how much your local librarian can help you at this stage!

Ideas Gathering Evidence

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 Decide who will be listed as authors and the order of their names based on their contributions.

• Select the appropriate type of article and identify a journal that fits your topic and goals.

• Consider your target audience, any publication fees, open access requirements, and whether ethical approval is necessary before submission.

**∏ PLAN!** 

Researcher Tip: Transparency and Respect are always a good idea when working as a Collaboration.

Formation

your argument, theory

or new knowledge!

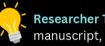
Game Plan

> Begin drafting your paper and continue refining it through multiple revisions.

• Save each version and collaborate closely with your co-authors throughout the process.

• Conduct self and peer reviews, format references properly, finalise figures, and obtain final approvals from all co-authors.





Researcher Tip: Even if you have 17 versions of the same manuscript, keep writing...

Also, please save EVERYTHING and when you can feel yourself getting frustrated, you are either hungry or need to take a pause Take that pause or eat that thing you've been craving!

Ready to Submit

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Reviewing

• Prepare all required submission materials, including the cover letter, author information, and

• Submit your manuscript and be prepared for feedback - get ready ready for a whirlwind of emotions, drafts and you guessed, more revisions!





- Get Sharing!

Publishing

• Share reviewer feedback with your co-authors and discuss how to respond.

• Make necessary revisions to the manuscript and draft a letter addressing the reviewers' comments.

• Re-submit your manuscript and continue the review process, which may involve multiple rounds. Researcher Tip: If you are apart of the 0.0001%, who got no changes, please tell us how you did that? You can just head straight to step 7!

If you are like the rest of us mortals and got changes sent back, work through them one comment at a time.

If you get a rejection remember, it's not you, it is definitely them just try again (rewrite or try another journal).

Also, keep in mind that revisions can take a while to be sent back to you. While you wait you can get back some of your work/life balance!



media, newsletters, press releases, university comms and community summaries for your project partners and participants.

Actively share your work through social

• Celebrate your publication with your

co-authors and project partners.

- Update your professional profiles, CV and send copies to key authors that you cited.
- Use what you've learned to inspire your next research project!



earcher Tip: Don't be shame, BE GAME to share your research you have worked hard, now dazzle us with your brilliance!

Aim to complete all of your Knowledge Translation activities with the next 2 months...



## THE FINAL RESEARCHER TIP!

You will not believe this, but this "Journey of a Manuscript" graphic is absolutely a cycle for every single manuscript you will be writing in your career. So, after step 7, guess what?

You go right back to step 1...

Happy writing researchers!