Diversifying Peer Review – One Year of ACS Reviewer Lab

Peer-review training for scientific researchers

ACS Reviewer Lab™ is a free peer-review training course. Designed by ACS Editors, leading scientific researchers, and ACS Publications staff, this course provides real-life guidance on how to navigate tricky ethical situations, identify core criteria for evaluating manuscripts, and write a first-rate review. All you need to get started is an ACS ID.

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What advice do you have for peer reviewers?

Tell us about your experience as a reviewer

Why are peer reviewers so important?

MASTER PEER REVIEW WITH 6 INTERACTIVE MODULES
Limits of current peer review training

Of the 50+ top research institutions we informally canvassed, only one has a course in Peer Review (Northwestern University)

Most scientists learn to perform peer review from trial-and-error and/or informal discussions with mentors

This was not taught in my graduate education…

I wish I had had this [course] when I was a graduate student.
What is ACS Reviewer Lab?

- Online course with six interactive modules covering every step of the peer review process
- Content informed by ACS Editors-in-Chief, authors, and early career researchers
- Effective pedagogical tool, with exercises and a rigorous final exam
Geographical distribution

All-time breakdown of ACS Reviewer Lab users by country/region

- United States: 49%
- China: 15%
- India: 18%
- Europe: 9%
- Japan: 7%
- Rest of World: 2%

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China and Japan

Time spent in course:
- **Increased 50%** for Chinese participants
- **Doubled** for Japanese participants

Median attempts to pass final exam:
- **3x higher** for Chinese participants
- **2x higher** for Japanese participants
Feedback from our Users

All users

Users in China
New translations

As of last week, ACS Reviewer Lab is now available in Chinese and Japanese.
Thank You!

Something new in peer-review education.

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