

# Advancing Discovery

Springer Nature is passionate about the new. The new discoveries that shed light on human existence. New ways of working that bring these research findings, across all disciplines, to light. With an unshakeable commitment to quality and openness, we are turning the pages of research to advance discovery and help find solutions for society’s big challenges.

## Our role in research

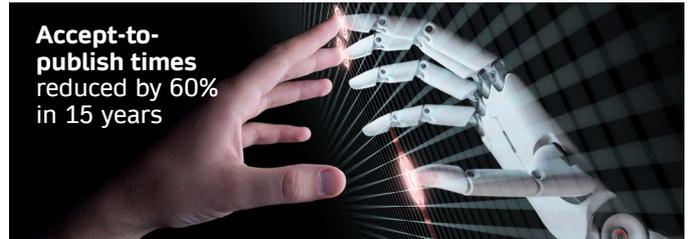


**1 Billion downloads** a year from our platforms

### Trusted source of knowledge

As validators and curators of the academic record we bring independence and rigour to all we do:

- Our brands and imprints have been trusted sources of knowledge for over 175 years
- Our approx. 10,000 colleagues (headcount) work with a network of 90,000 editors and 750,000 peer reviewers to scrutinise more than 1 million submissions a year
- In 2020 we published around 13,000 books, 370,000 articles and 3,000 journals
- There are more than 1 billion downloads a year from our websites and platforms



**Accept-to-publish times** reduced by 60% in 15 years

### Deploying technology

We are deploying advanced technologies, including AI to improve outcomes:

- Around 90% of our journal revenue and c.70% of Research division revenue is from digital products
- We have reduced accept-to-publish times by around 60% over 15 years
- We deploy technology to support researchers with editing, translation, content sharing and online training
- We published the first machine-generated research book



**We have published** over 900,000 OA articles

### Open science and research

Open Access is a crucial step towards an open science ecosystem, in which published data and research can be accessed and used by everyone, around the globe:

- We have published over 900,000 OA articles
- Scientific Reports is the world’s largest OA journal
- We are leading the transition to OA with more national-level transformative agreements than any other publisher
- During the COVID-19 pandemic, we enabled free access to over 70,000 articles, book chapters, reference works and protocols on our platforms to speed the global response



**Leadership position** in almost all SDG areas

### Purpose driven

We work closely with the global research community to help them make progress on the world’s biggest challenges:

- We publish dedicated journals and reference works in support of the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) – and have established our own SDG programme
- We provide evidence-based insight and analysis to the global media via Nature and Scientific American
- We connect researchers, policymakers and practitioners through events and new publishing formats

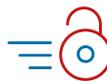
## Springer Nature in the US key facts



Well established in the US with **over 1,000 full time employees** and offices in New York City, Jersey City, Philadelphia, Durham and Washington, DC.



More than **1 in 10** research articles published in the United States are by a Springer Nature author. US authors are the **number two contributors** to our global journals programs.



We are **leading the transition to open access** in the US. Springer Nature's transformative agreement with the University of California (UC) is the first of its type in North America.



We have **strong relationships with the research community**. Our editorial and publishing teams are in daily contact with researchers via one-on-one discussions, visits to research groups and labs, and editorial board meetings.

**c30k**  
BOOK  
CHAPTERS

We publish c30k book chapters or proceedings papers with at least one US author per year.

**170**  
JOURNALS

We publish 170 journals on behalf of US-based societies on top of our own journals.

**40,000**  
EDITORIAL  
BOARD MEMBERS

We have more than 40,000 Editorial Board Members based in the US.

## Spotlight on our US business

Our business in the United States prides itself on providing the best possible service to the whole research community – helping authors to share their discoveries; enabling researchers to find, access and understand the work of others; supporting librarians and institutions with innovations in technology and data; providing quality publishing support to societies, and taking the lead on key issues that matter to funders and policy makers. Some of the ways that we use our influence to support the research community in the US include:

### Science on the Hill

“Science on the Hill” is an event series running for five years that connects experts in the scientific community directly with lawmakers on Capitol Hill. Scientific American and Nature Portfolio – as part of Springer Nature – host the series with members of Congress.

### US Research Advisory Council

The Springer Nature US Research Advisory Council (USRAC) is an annual meeting of key stakeholders that will help us facilitate a strong understanding of the evolving US research ecosystem and ensure that we have the best advice in order to contribute in a positive and progressive manner to advancing US research and researchers.

### Champion of the Sustainable Goals

We partner with organizations including the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN), The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine and Oceanic Global on events that bring together researchers, policymakers and other communities to amplify the SDGs and accelerate solutions to the toughest challenges facing the world.

## Spotlight on our brands

Springer Nature is home to a strong portfolio of trusted brands, including two that were founded in North America.

### SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN

Scientific American covers the advances in research and discovery that are changing our understanding of the world and shaping our lives. Founded in 1845, it is the oldest continuously published magazine in the US and now reaches more than 10 million people around the world each month through its website, print and digital editions, newsletters and app.

### Research Square

Springer Nature is a majority investor in US based Research Square Company, which includes the brands American Journal Experts (AJE) and Research Square. Research Square is the fastest-growing preprint platform in the world. It allows researchers to share their work early, gain feedback and improve a paper before submission to a journal. AJE supports researchers by providing high-quality English editing and manuscript preparation services.

## Taking responsibility

Springer Nature is a global business and we take our responsibility to our communities, employees and society extremely seriously – using our scale and influence to support delivery of the UN's sustainable development goals. With this in mind we are setting ourselves some ambitious targets as a business:

- Managing the environmental impacts of our operations: Springer Nature is the first research publisher to be net carbon neutral for its direct business operations (Scopes 1 and 2 under the Greenhouse Gas protocol) and business travel (partial Scope 3).
- To be more diverse and inclusive: targeting 45% of senior leadership to be women by 2023

## Led by an experienced team

Springer Nature is led by an experienced management team and a committed Supervisory Board, with a proven track record of leading innovation, scaling businesses, expanding distribution and

managing global operations. Our global footprint helps leverage our experience and significant customer base to enable us to identify and respond to opportunities to innovate and add value to our current and future customers. Springer Nature is part of the Springer Nature Group.