Does one size fit all? Establishing policies across a large organization

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SAGE journals

- Global, independent publishers
- 1,500 employees, 1,000+ journals, 900+ books
- 6 main offices: Los Angeles, London, New Delhi, Singapore, Melbourne, Toronto
- Majority HSS, but STM is quickly catching up
Paving the way for Advance

- SAGE’s new preprint server
  - launched in August 2018
  - Accepts preprints in the Social Sciences and Humanities
  - Suggests curated list of journals for submitting authors
  - Needed to establish journal policies ahead of launch, even in STM

Paving the way for Advance

- Green Open Access
  - No embargo period for accepted papers posted to institution repository, or personal site
- SAGE Open launch in 2015
  - Now publish 200+ OA journals
- Supports the dissemination of research via preprint servers
One size doesn’t fit all

- How can you establish a single policy for thousands of editors and hundreds of societies?
  - Proprietary versus society
  - HSS versus STM
  - Practitioner focused versus researcher focused journals

Communication Campaign

Goals
- Established journal level policies around accepting preprints submissions
- Collect the preprint DOIs from authors
- Educate about preprints ahead Advance’s launch
Citations?  Usage?  Support open science
Concerns about preprints  Blinding?  Plagiarism?

Result?

FOR US/UK JOURNALS

83%  17%

Opt Out by Division

Opt Outs
HSS  STM
Total # of HSS Journals

HSS journal Opts Outs
Now what?

• Update submission guidelines
• Update submission systems
• Continued education
• Continue to refine policies

Questions?
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Thank you!