
MDU University Library's "30 minutes about"

Welcome to the MDU University Library's "30 Minutes About", featuring concise presentations that highlight valuable tools, techniques, and services for everyday research.

No registration needed. Join the designated meeting room for your session. All sessions are in English.

[Link to the meeting room in Teams](#)

30 minutes about data management plans

A data management plan is a great tool for a researcher or research group to make sure that the data in a project is handled in a structured and secure way. Every research project at MDU needs to have a data management plan, and this session will help you get started on writing one.

September 15, at 08:30-09:00

30 minutes about publishing research data

Publishing your research data is an important part of Open Science, which is why many financiers and journals require you to do so. Publishing data may seem confusing, wrong or even impossible – but it doesn't have to be! This session will help you get a better understanding of how you can make your data available in a safe and accessible way.

September 22, at 08:30-09:00

30 minutes about Open Access publishing

In this session the University Library presents different possibilities available for publishing articles and book chapters Open Access. Most articles can today be published Open Access for free through national agreements. For publications not covered by agreements, MDU researchers can apply for the OA publishing cost from the University Library. The University Library can also support if you want to start an OA journal or if you want to digitalize your existing published journal.

September 29, at 08:30-09:00

30 minutes about the possibilities of Green Open Access

Green Open Access, also called parallel publishing, is a way for you to open up your research publications if you cannot publish in an Open Access journal or conference proceeding. Using DiVA for Green OA is easy, but there are a few things to keep in mind. In this session, the University Library will guide you through the process and help you make your publications accessible to everyone.

October 6, at 08:30-09:00

30 minutes about publishing with MDPI or Frontiers

This session gives you a straightforward overview of what these publishers offer, the discussions surrounding them, and what the current national agreements mean for you as a researcher. We'll walk through international perspectives, quality assessments, and practical tips for choosing journals wisely.

October 13, at 08:30-09:00

30 minutes about National Agreements: anticipated changes in the funding for publishing Open Access

The Bibsam Consortium negotiates license agreements for electronic resources and publishing on behalf of Swedish universities and university colleges. Starting in 2026, the consortium will no longer enter into read-and-publish agreements for hybrid journals. In this session, the University Library will present an overview of the Bibsam Consortium's action plan, which aims to support the open publication of research results, and explain what this may mean for you as a researcher at MDU.

October 20, at 08:30-09:00

30 minutes about altmetrics – impact beyond academia

Measuring your impact outside of academia is tricky - but altmetrics are here to help! In this session, we'll cover the basics of what altmetrics is (and what it isn't), and how you can use it to track the reach of your research.

October 27, at 08:30-09:00

30 minutes about Reuse – open is not enough. The role of persistent identifiers and licenses

This session explores how to increase the visibility, traceability, and reuse of research outputs after publication. It will explain how persistent identifiers, such as ORCID, work, and how Creative Commons licenses can support reuse. The session is held by the University Library.

November 3, at 08:30-09:00

30 minutes about Open Access at Mälardalen University: current situation and ways forward

Open Access to scholarly publications is a key part of Open Science. It ensures that anyone with an interest in research can access and use research results, regardless of financial means or institutional affiliation. How open are Mälardalen University's publications today, and what steps can be taken to increase openness? In this session, the University Library will present its newly published report on the University's publication patterns and offer suggestions on how you, as a researcher, can help promote Open Access to scholarly publications.

November 10, at 08:30-09:00

30 minutes about GDPR in research

Handling personal data is often an integral part of research—but what does that mean for you as a researcher? In this session, you will get an overview of personal data processing in research projects, learn how to navigate GDPR and how to protect the integrity of the research participants. We will also introduce the tools and support available at MDU, including the data processing analysis template. This session is given in collaboration with the data security team at MDU.

November 17, at 08:30-09:00

30 minutes about Public Engagement in Science

A key part of open science is making research more accessible and relevant to society. Public participation in the research process involves engaging people outside academia in different stages of research, for knowledge cocreation and new ways to communicate research to the public. In this webinar, members of MDU's ongoing Open Science project will explain how public engagement can take part in research.

November 24, at 08:30-09:00

30 minutes about How to Register Your Study

In an increasing number of subject areas, studies are expected to be registered before they begin. In this session you will get an introduction on how and where to register clinical studies, and information on preregistration of different types of literature reviews and why it matters.

This session is given in collaboration with the Division of Research and Collaboration Support at MDU

December 1, at 08:30-09:00

30 minutes about Open Education Resources

Open educational resources are teaching and learning materials that can be freely used, shared, and adapted. They are widely used in higher education, professional development, and lifelong learning, often under open licenses. In this webinar, members from MDU's ongoing Open Science project will explain how these resources can support and improve education.

December 8, at 08:30-09:00

30 minutes about Open Research Methods

Open research methods make parts of the research process available for others to review, verify, and reuse. This may include research protocols, code, analytical tools, and documentation. In this webinar, members of MDU's ongoing Open Science project will explain how open research methods can strengthen and support the research process.

December 15, at 08:30-09:00