UCL Great Ormond Street Institute of Child Health to launch publishing platform with F1000

UCL Great Ormond Street Institute of Child Health will become the first to launch an institute-focused publishing platform with F1000, a provider of a suite of services to support researchers, institutions and funders. The platform, UCL Child Health Open Research, will start publishing in Q4 of 2017 and allow any UCL Great Ormond Street ICH or other UCL researcher studying child health to publish with greater speed and transparency.

UCL Child Health Open Research will follow in the footsteps of two funder-based platforms, Wellcome Open Research and Gates Open Research, both of which are based on a publishing model pioneered by F1000Research that first launched four years ago. The model permits immediate publication followed by transparent invited peer review and inclusion of all supporting data. This enables reanalysis, replication attempts and data reuse – bringing benefits to the research community, as well as to society more broadly.

The publication platform will help the dissemination of research outputs from UCL Great Ormond Street Institute of Child Health, where some of the world’s top research in child health takes place. This research can sometimes focus on rare diseases or small clinical trials, which can be difficult to find the right publication outlet. UCL Child Health Open Research will publish a wide range of types of research, from traditional impactful research, methods and protocols, to case reports and small, negative or confirmatory findings.

All articles will comply with the open access policies of UCL and its funders. All publication charges will be covered through UCL’s central open access fund.

Professor Rosalind Smyth, Director of ICH, said: “UCL Great Ormond Street Institute of Child Health has often led the way in the area of child health research, so it is only fitting that we lead the way being the first institute to launch this kind of publication platform. Publishing on UCL Child Open Research will mean that the results of our research can be made available in an immediate and transparent way and help inform decisions and other research in the area of child health.”

Dr Rebecca Lawrence, Managing Director of F1000, said: “It is fantastic to have UCL Great Ormond Street Institute of Child Health take this big step in becoming the first institute to launch their own publication platform. Joining the growing family of publication platforms demonstrates the vital role that research institutions can play, together with research funders, in supporting their researchers in improving the way that the findings of their work are communicated and helping reduce research waste.”

Further comment from Professor Rosalind Smith and Professor Martin Elliott is available in this blog: https://blog.f1000.com/2017/06/26/ucl-child-health-open-research/

Further comment from Dr Rebecca Lawrence is available in this blog: https://blog.f1000.com/2017/06/26/a-not-so-baby-step-on-the-journey/

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1. **About F1000**

   F1000 provides a suite of services to support researchers in discovering literature, and then writing and communicating their own work. F1000Prime helps with literature discovery; F1000Workspace makes it easier to write and share articles; F1000Research provides an author-driven approach to the publication of research results in an immediate and transparent way. F1000 also works with funders and research institutions to ensure their grantees can publish the outputs of their funding in more rapid and open ways. [https://f1000.com](https://f1000.com)

2. **About UCL Great Ormond Street Institute of Child Health**

   The UCL Great Ormond Street Institute of Child Health is part of the Faculty of Population Health Sciences within the School of Life and Medical Sciences at UCL. Together with its clinical partner Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children (GOSH), it forms the largest concentration of children’s health research in Europe. [http://www.ucl.ac.uk/ich](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/ich)

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4. **About F1000Research**

   F1000Research is an open research publishing platform for life scientists from F1000, that offers immediate publication and transparent peer review, avoiding editorial bias and ensuring the inclusion of all source data. All articles must pass an initial in-house quality check and are then published in an open access format on F1000Research. Following open, invited peer review where the referee’s name and affiliation and the referee reports are published alongside the article, authors can revise their article which are then published as new article versions. Once articles are deemed to have passed peer review they are indexed in PubMed. [https://f1000research.com](https://f1000research.com) (You can find more information about the F1000Research peer review model here: [https://blog.f1000.com/2017/03/10/more-than-just-being-open-giving-control-to-authors-and-credit-to-reviewers/](https://blog.f1000.com/2017/03/10/more-than-just-being-open-giving-control-to-authors-and-credit-to-reviewers/))

5. **About Wellcome Open Research**

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