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Research and Publication as an Early Career Librarian

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Early Career Librarians
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Research & Publication

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Considerations for research & publication

- Job responsibilities (tenure track or not)
- Experience (previous research & publication)
- Preparation (course on research methods)
- Confidence
- Time
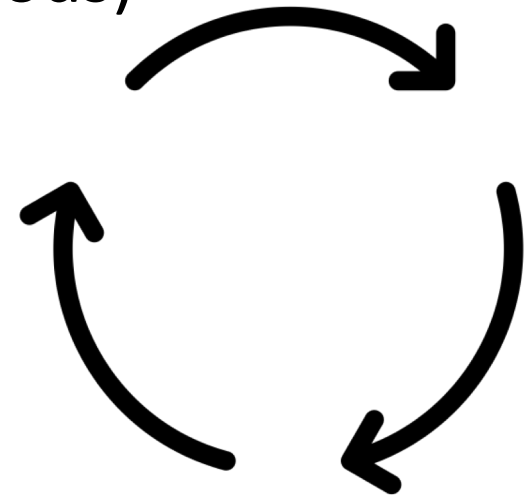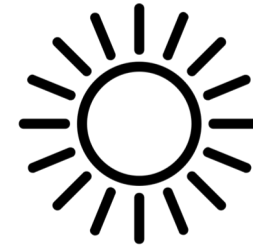
Why research & publish?

- Develop **new knowledge**
- Position the library as a contributor to **research on campus**
- Give librarians **experience** with research & publication, which is applicable to their work with faculty
- Advance in **jobs** & profession

Our survey

- ✓ 255 valid responses
- ✓ Respondents worked in libraries for 5 years or less
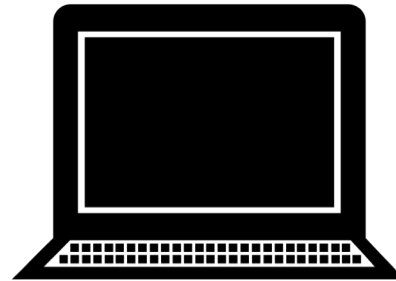- ✓ All have MLIS or equivalent

This talk's focus:

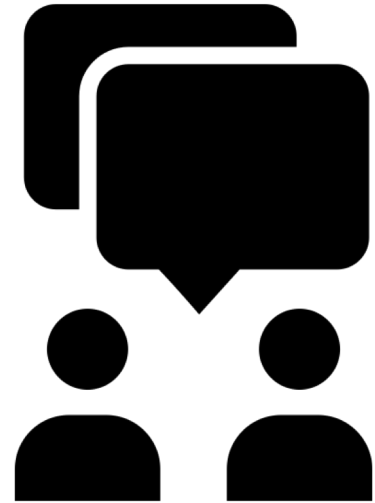**Influencing factors for engaging with research & publication**

Top <u>positively</u> influencing factors

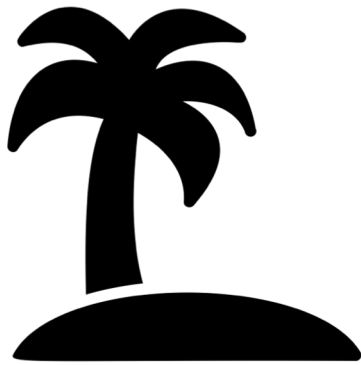1. Convenience of accessing scholarly resources (n = 206, 86%)

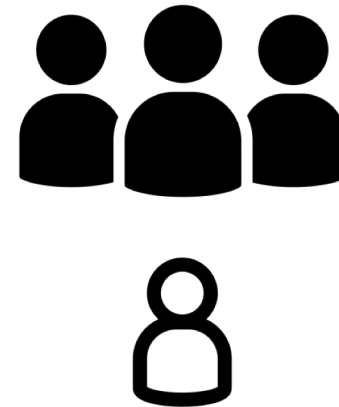2. Access to necessary technology (n = 203, 84%)

3. Collaborator support and/or presence (n = 189, 78%)

*positive + strongly positive combined

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Top <u>negatively</u> influencing factors

1. Absence of supervisor support
   (*n* = 117, 48%)
2. Absence of mentor support
   (*n* = 116, 48%)

3. Culture at my academic library
   (*n* = 47, 19%)

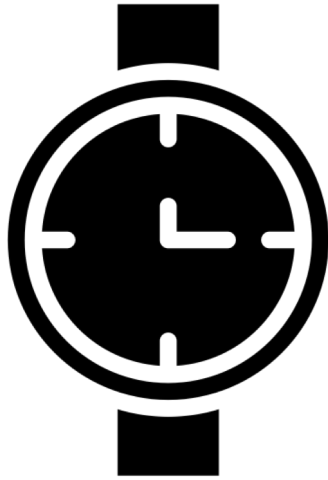*positive + strongly positive combined

Additional factors = personal

- Self-motivation (presence or absence)
- View of librarianship (positive or negative)
- Lack of confidence
- Personal life
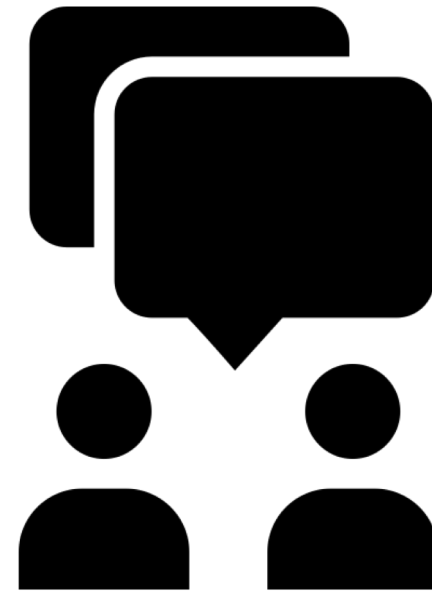- Access to conferences
- Job applications

(+ time)

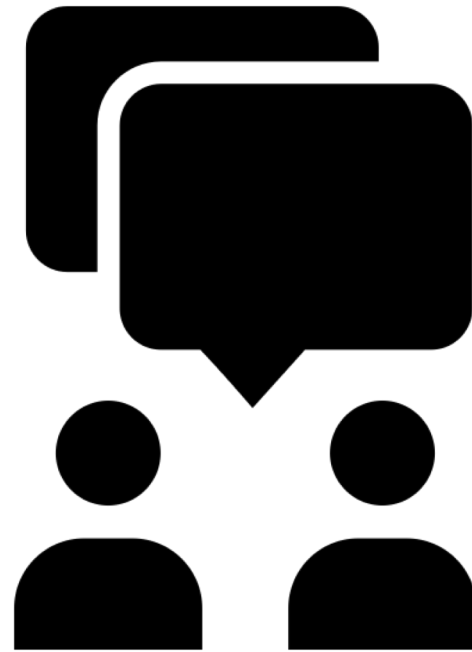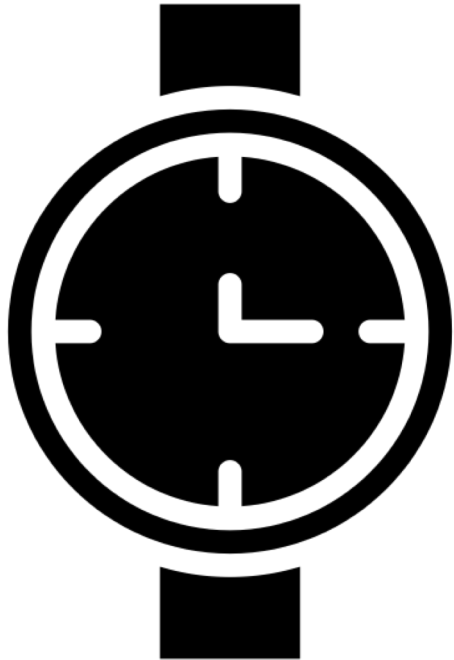(+ culture)

Top factors for publishing more in the future

1. Dedicated time to conduct research (n = 199)

2. Supervisor support (n = 128)
3. Collaborator support (n = 128)

So what?

Thank you

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