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As research communication is of global benefit, it is vital that researchers can find others in their field and get the information they need to develop their skills or ensure the latest research is shared and accessible.

- Become a mentor
- Find a mentor
- Collaborate with other researchers
- Get help or advice with a task

Find a mentor

Are you an early-career researcher seeking someone more experienced to help you with your writing and research?

- Would you like guidance in writing and submitting scientific papers?
- Would you like advice about responding to reviewers?
- Are you seeking advice on writing grant applications?

Become a mentor

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We are pleased to announce our upcoming online course in research writing, which will begin on 18 October 2016.

Main topics covered in the course: literature review, publication ethics, targeting the right journals, writing and publishing a research paper.

Who the course is for: Early career researchers in developing countries

Course duration: 6 weeks

Course dates: 18 October to 28 November 2016

Course facilitator(s): Ravi Murugesan (INASP Associate and AuthorAID trainer) and guest facilitators from the AuthorAID network

Course administrator: Andy Nobes (Programme Officer, Research Development and Support, INASP)

How to join: [Download the course announcement](#) and follow the instructions. Enrolment is **free** and is done online

Deadline to enroll: 16 October 2016

You should plan to spend about 4 to 5 hours per week on the course to complete the lessons and activities. You can study in your own time. There will be no live online sessions or face-to-face meetings. There will however be some deadlines in the course. You should have regular access to the Internet during the period of the course, but a high-bandwidth connection is not necessary. The course lessons and activities are largely text-based.

If you have taken an AuthorAID online course in research writing anytime after June 2015, you may not find any new material in the upcoming course. You are however welcome to join the course, especially if you did not complete the previous course you took or simply want to go through the course experience again.

Please note that although this is an open course, if a very high number of people join the course we may have to limit enrolment due to server capacity. We suggest that you enrol in the course as soon as possible if you are interested.

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How do I find a suitable journal and how can I afford the publishing fees?

By Andy Nobes | Oct. 4, 2016

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If you publish with an Open Access journal they might charge an Article Processing Charge (APC) to cover the journal running costs. Some publishers also run 'hybrid' journals which charge a fee for you to publish an Open Access article in their journal which is mostly subscription-only.

With the growth of Open Access publishing, APCs are becoming increasingly common, with both big and small scholarly publishers. Make sure you plan ahead and consider your target journal early in the writing process. You should either target journals with no fees, or journals that can provide an APC waiver (see below). Or you could consider budgeting for APCs in your research proposal - some funders that mandate Open Access publication provide funds for APCs within their research grants.

There are many reputable Open Access journals that do NOT charge an APC for you to publish your research – it is totally free to publish your research in these journals. For example, you can search for Open Access journals at doaj.org/search and filter the results according to whether the journals charge a fee or not.

APC waivers

If you are quoted an APC and cannot afford the fee, most publishers have a waiver policy for developing country authors. This is usually based on the [HINARI list of countries](#), but publishers will often consider discretionary waivers in other circumstances.

Take a look at the policies of the major publishers to see if you are eligible for a waiver:

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- [Nature](#)
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- [Sage](#)
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If you are unsure of whether you are eligible for a waiver, just ask the publisher or the editor of the journal – you might be surprised!

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Workshop and travel grants

Our next round of workshop and travel grants will be announced in January 2017.

Gender grants

We will be announcing a call for gender grants shortly. Please [sign up for alerts on our news page](#) so we can keep you up-to-date.

Other sources of funding

Recommended websites for other sources of research funding, including travel, workshop and fellowship grants:

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- [Euraxess Researchers in Motion \(EU\)](#)
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The science of “trashing” papers

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Why were papers rejected for publication?

- The study did not address an important scientific issue
- The study was not original (someone else had already done the same or a similar study)
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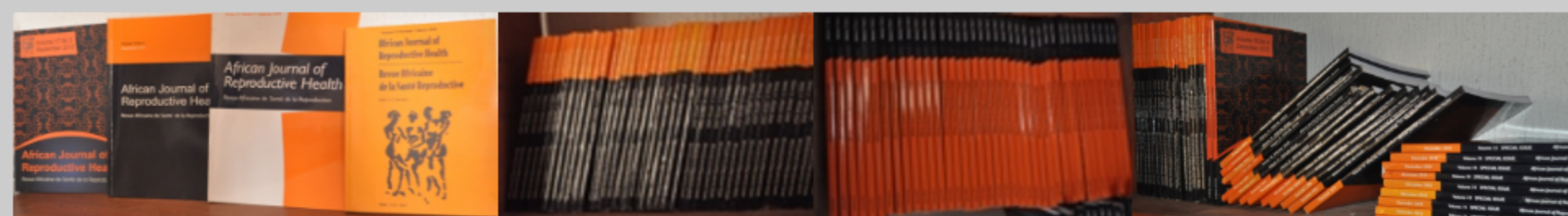
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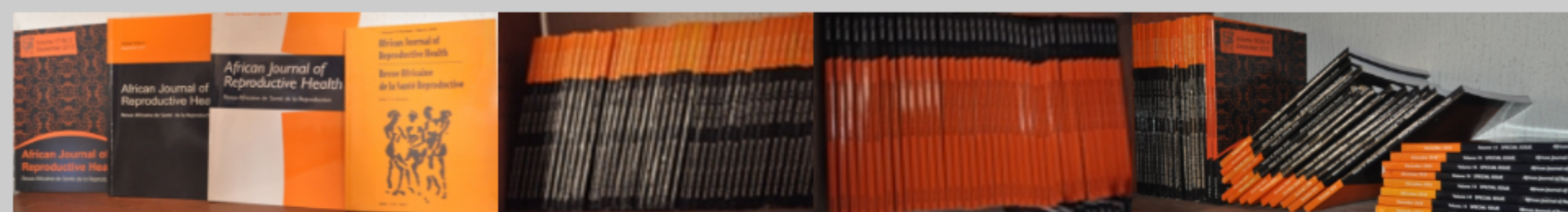
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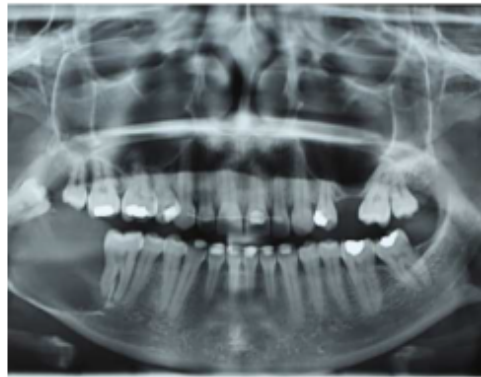
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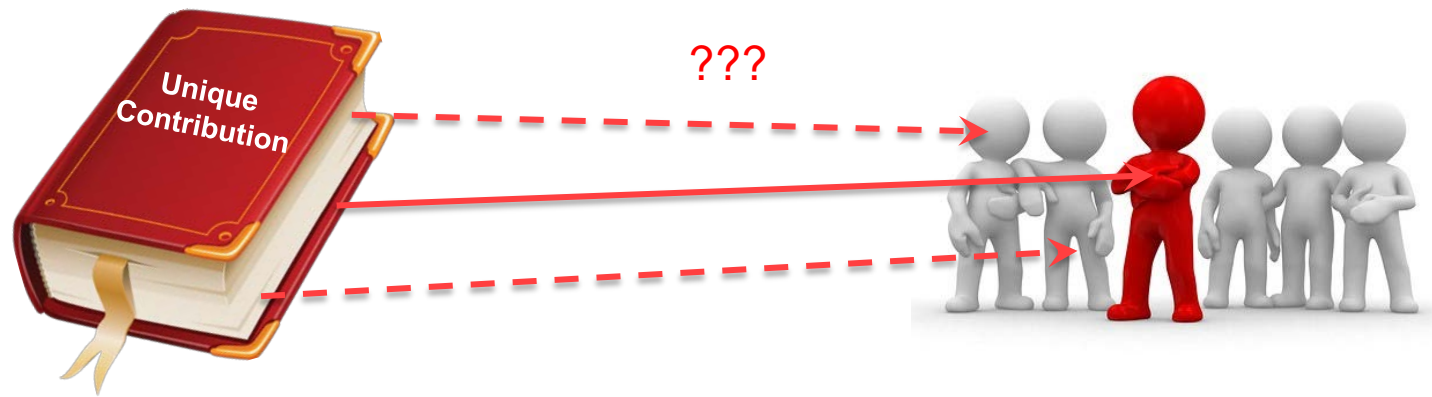
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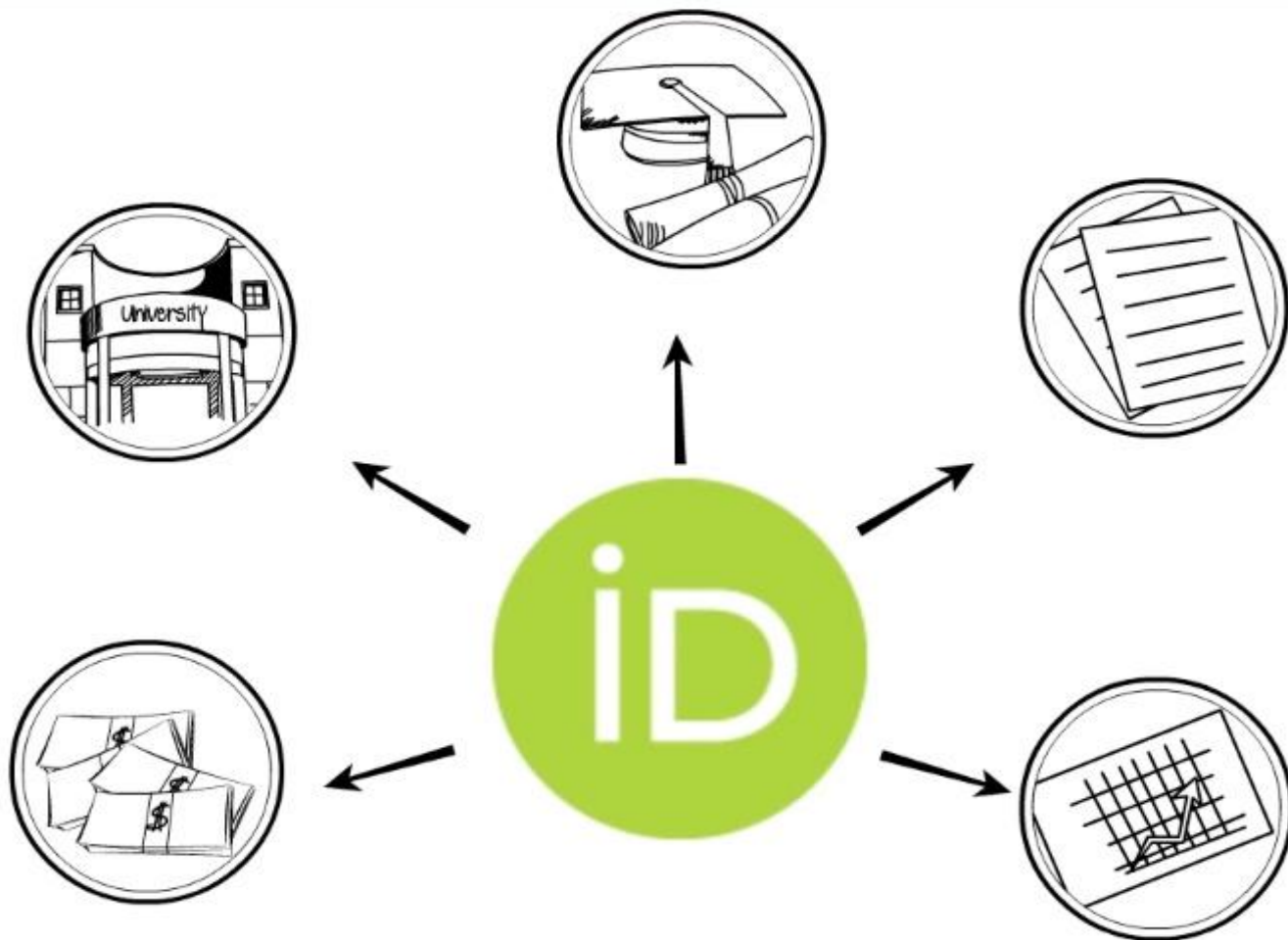
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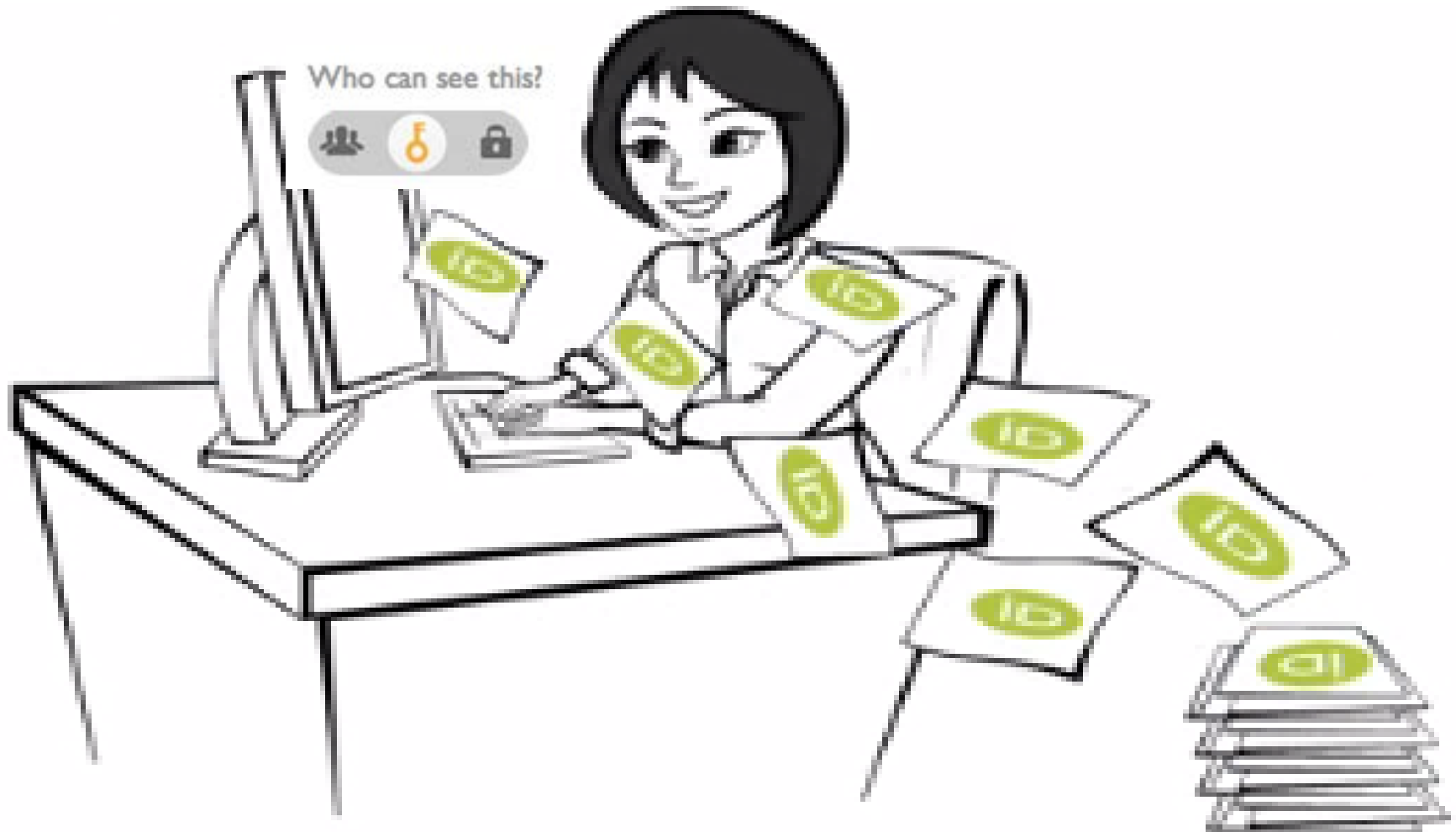


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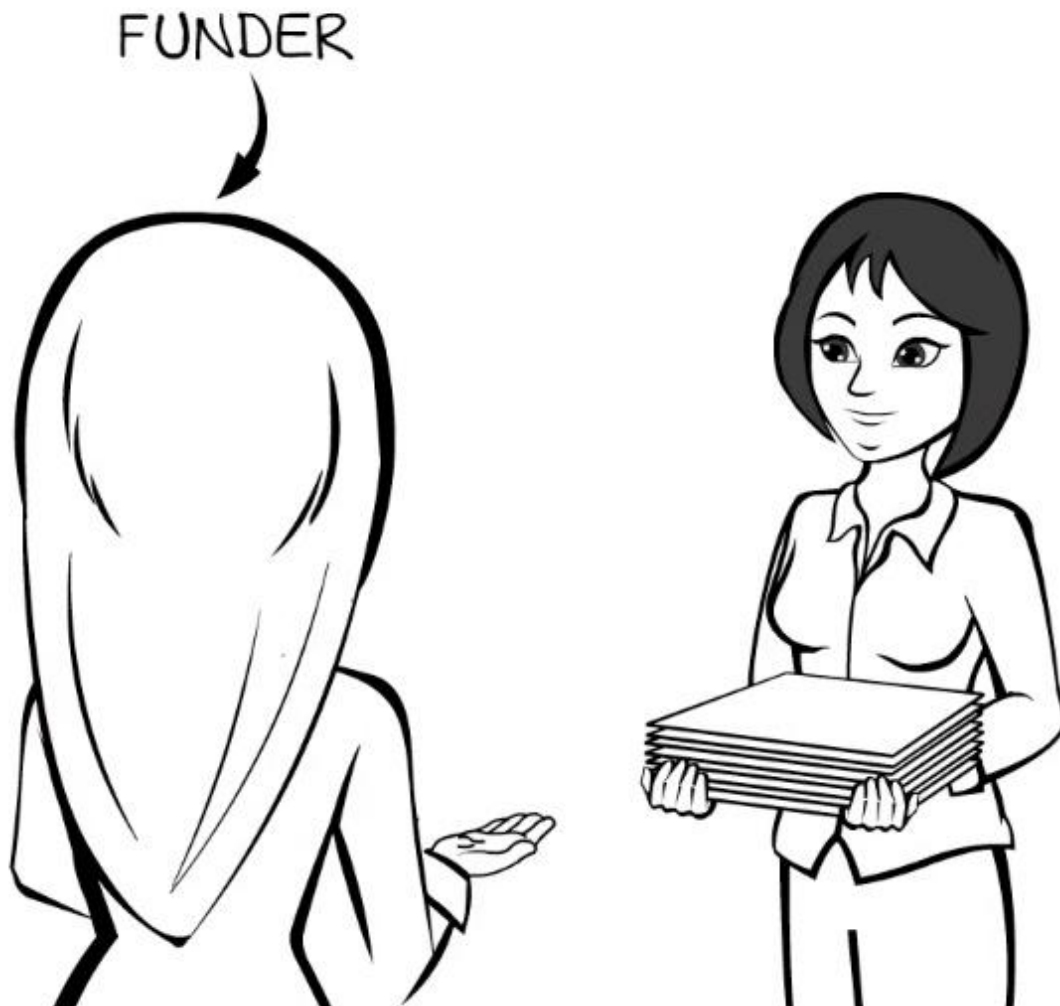
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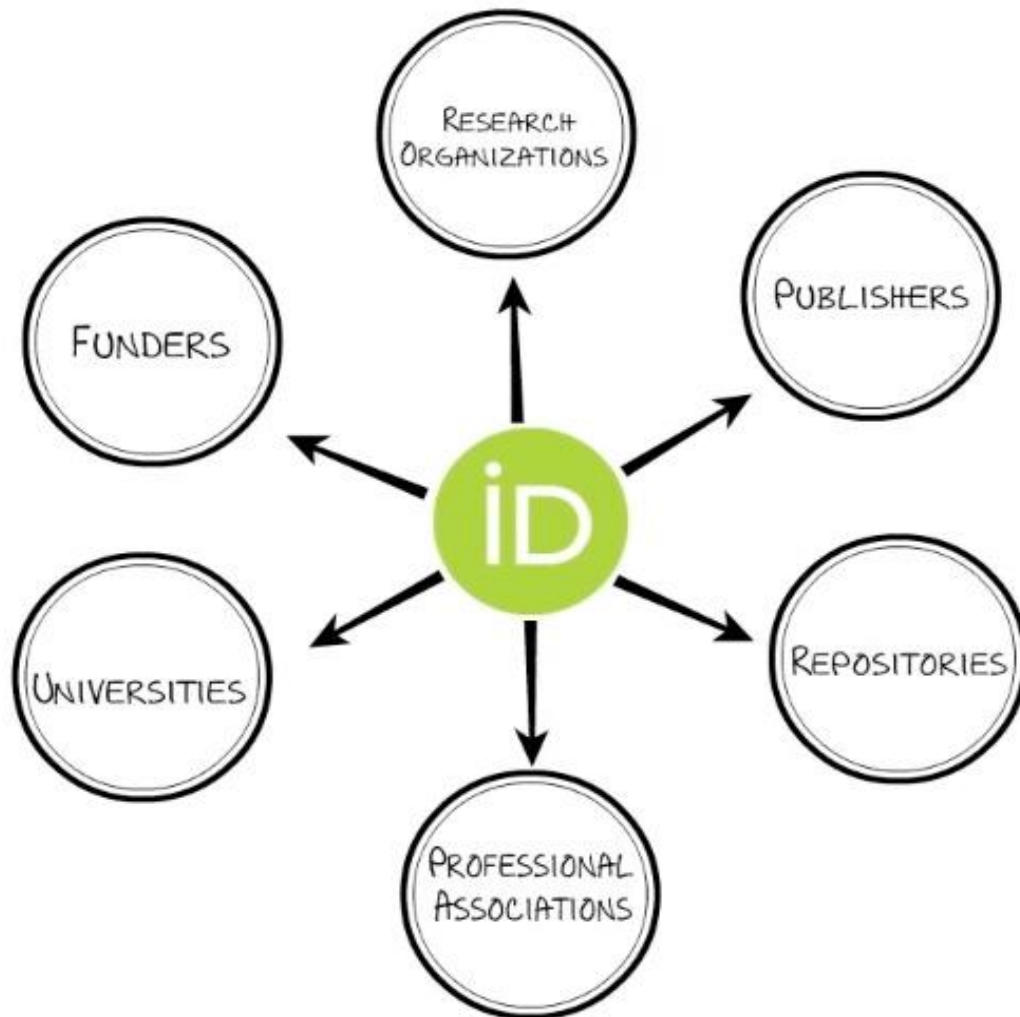
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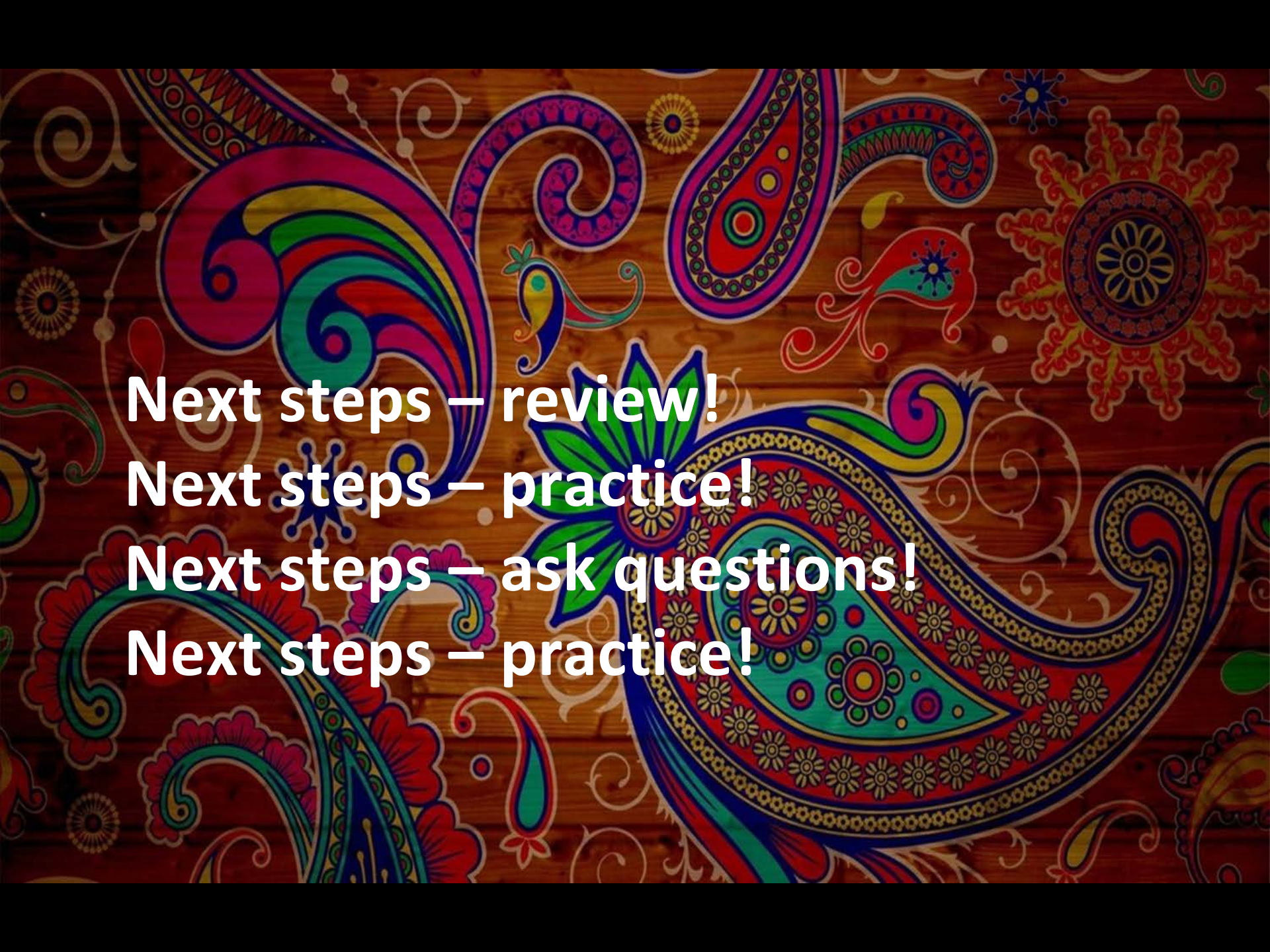
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