

# THE ASID JOURNALS

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ASID members can very proud of the organisations long history of publishing quality research. One of the objectives of ASID is to forge interaction between intellectual disability research, policy and practice. One of the ways that ASID achieves this aim is through the publication of research. ASID owns and in partnership with Taylor and Francis publishes two scholarly peer reviewed journals.

**The Journal of Intellectual and Developmental Disability** has been published since 1970 with a number of title changes over its history - Australia and New Zealand Journal of Developmental Disabilities (1982 - 1995), Australian Journal of Developmental Disabilities (1980 - 1981) and Australian Journal of Mental Retardation (1970 - 1979). The Journal is published 4 times a year and each member received a hard copy and can access content electronically via the ASID Website membership portal. The purpose of the journal “is to publish substantive original research from both established and newer academic disciplines (such as sociology and geography) that address the situation and concerns of people with intellectual disabilities, and their families and staff. It accepts research into commonly associated developmental and neurodevelopmental disabilities only when these are in conjunction with intellectual disability. JIDD welcomes qualitative, quantitative and mixed method research; formal literature reviews; well-structured case studies, and theoretically-informed commentaries. It also reviews highly specialist books that are unlikely to be reviewed in other ID journals.” (Taylor and Francis, 2018)

**Research and Practice in Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities** was launched in 2014 and is published twice per year. Members also receive a hard copy of RAPIDD and have access to the content of the journal electronically via the ASID Web Site membership portal. The “primary aim of RAPIDD is to draw out the implications of research for practice and policy, the journal also aims to generate informed debate on contemporary issues that matter to the lives of people with intellectual disabilities and their families.” (Bigby, 2014. P1).

Each Journal has an honorary editor and editorial board. Professor Jennifer Clegg is the editor for JIDD and Professor Chris Bigby for RAPIDD. Chris and Jennifer are very happy to speak with prospective authors.

Each year the Publisher provides the ASID Board with a comprehensive report describing the performance of each Journal. It is pleasing to see that the Journals are both continuing to show signs of growth and success. In 2017 there were 56,990 article down loads for JIDD, a 21% increase on 2016. Sixty five percent of the downloads are from international sources and the Journal is being accessed by 21,000 library's. JIDD, being an established journal has an impact factor which is a measure of citations coming from the Journal. The journal impact factor has slightly increased to 1.176 which is respectable for this subject matter. RAPIDD will most likely achieve an impact factor in 2018. For such a new journal and only two publications/year the downs loads are very positive 8,450 for 2017, a slight increase

on 2016. Given the context of the Journal it is not surprising that 63% of the downloads come from Australasia.

One of the newer measures being reported by the Publishers is Altmetrics. An Altmetric score is a high-level measure of the quality and quantity of online attention that an individual article has received. The score is based on relevant mentions from social media sites, newspapers, policy documents, blogs, Wikipedia, and many other sources.

Interested in publishing in the ASID Journals? Have a look at the respective websites for each journal that provide author instructions. Also if you are going to the Conference on the Gold Coast take the opportunity to participate in the Journal Workshop and speak to the publishers.

The following are the top down loaded articles in 2017 for each Journal. You can access these via the ASID Website if you are a member.

<b>Journal of Intellectual and Development Disability</b>	<i>No. of downloads</i>
K Ilias, JHJ Liaw, K Cornish, M Sang-Ah Park, KJ Golden. (2017) Wellbeing of mothers of children with “A-U-T-I-S-M” in Malaysia: An interpretative phenomenological analysis study. 42(1)	1595
S Collings, A Dew, L Dowse. (2017). Support planning with people with intellectual disability and complex support needs in the Australian National Disability Insurance Scheme. 41(3)	936
C Bigby, E Bould, J Beadle-Brown. (2017). Conundrums of supported living: The experiences of people with intellectual disability. 42(4)	890
<b>Research and Practice in Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities</b>	
MH Mehling, MJ Tassé, R Root. (2017) Shakespeare and autism: an exploratory evaluation of the Hunter Heartbeat Method. 4(2).	730
K Soldatic, G van Toorn, L Dowse, K Muir. (2017). Intellectual Disability and Complex Intersections: Marginalisation under the National Disability Insurance Scheme. 1(1).	610
J Clegg, C Bigby. (2017). Debates about dedifferentiation: twenty-first century thinking about people with intellectual disabilities as distinct members of the disability group 12. 4(1).	483

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Taylor and Francis (2018). Journal of Intellectual and Developmental Disability <https://www.tandfonline.com/loi/cjid20>