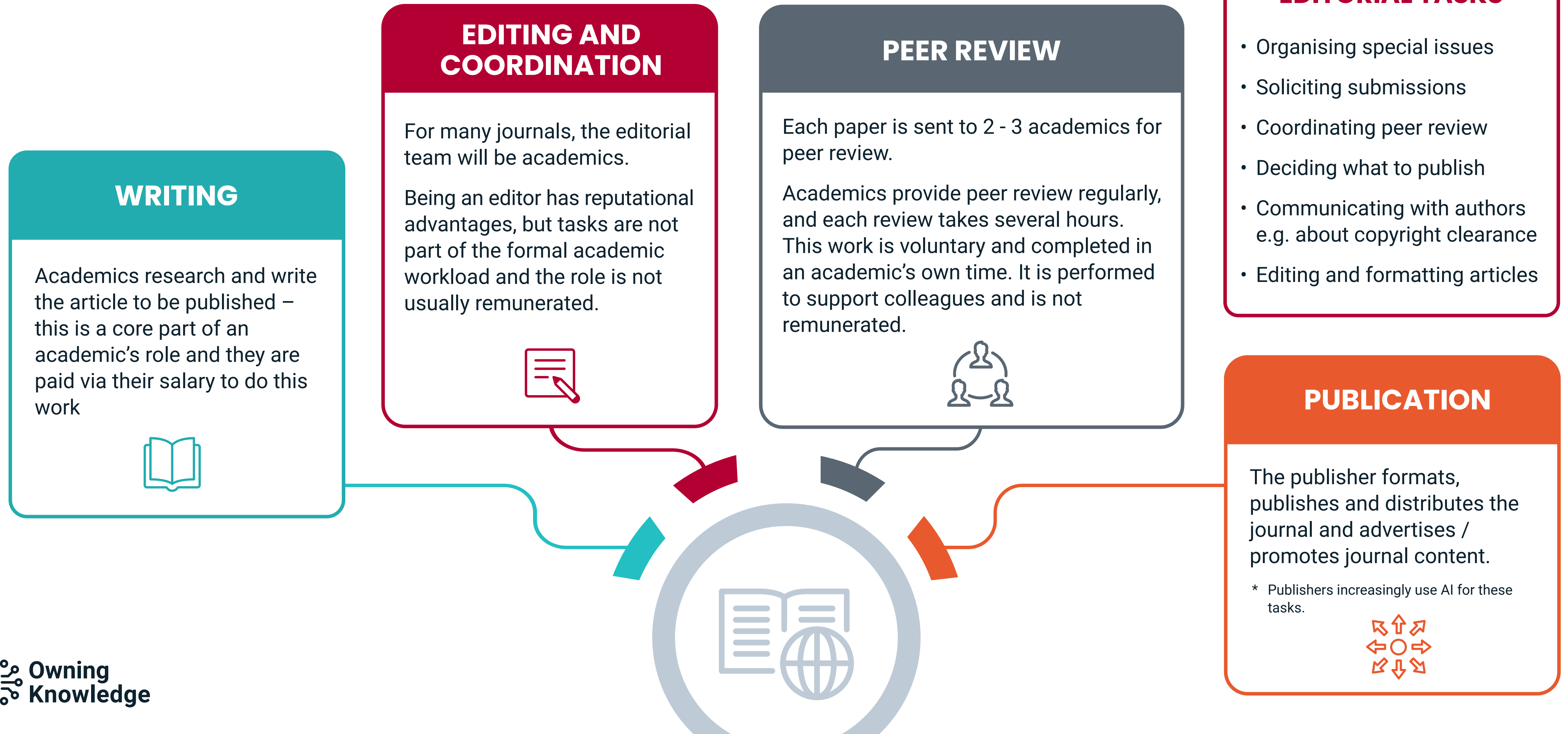


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Academic roles in journal publishing



WHY ACADEMICS NEED TO PUBLISH IN HIGH PRESTIGE JOURNALS

What is a typical academic workload?

40%

RESEARCH

For most academics, research is **40%** of their workload

Core research

Author books and chapters

Write journal articles

Grant applications

Conferences

Supervise PhD students

Industry engagement

Government consultation

Research 'translation' e.g. media

40%

TEACHING

For most academics, teaching is **40%** of their workload

Coordinate courses

Classroom teaching

Course design

Write assessments

Marking

Develop learning aids e.g. videos

Student emails and consults

Mentoring

Administration

20%

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

For most academics, service is **20%** of their workload

University committees

Professional bodies

Community outreach

Boards and expert panels

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Academic attitudes to the publishing workflow

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I see it as kind of exploitative.
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Most academic labour on journals is performed 'above load' i.e. not remunerated, and completed on weekends, evenings and holidays. Academics do this work to support their colleagues

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Not only do [publishers] get that work essentially for free, but they even charge us to get it back. It's confounding.
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How do academics feel about this labour?

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Most of the stuff actually goes above and beyond. It's impossible almost to contain your research to working hours.
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We as a community do so much, we write articles, we do quality control through the peer review process, we ultimately largely do the typesetting as well.
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