

ToR - Toolbox of Research

Information literacy guidance in the wiki environment for doctoral students and researchers

ToR - Toolbox of Research is the wiki environment for researchers and doctoral students at the University of Oulu. The ToR environment aims to include all possible tools and instructions doctoral students need in their studies and researchers need in their work.

The content of the ToR is divided into three sections:

Support for research

- Finding scientific information
- Evaluating research activities
- Research funding etc.

Support for postgraduate studies

- Planning and pursuing postgraduate studies
- Dissertation and the public defence
- Doctoral degree graduates and working life etc.

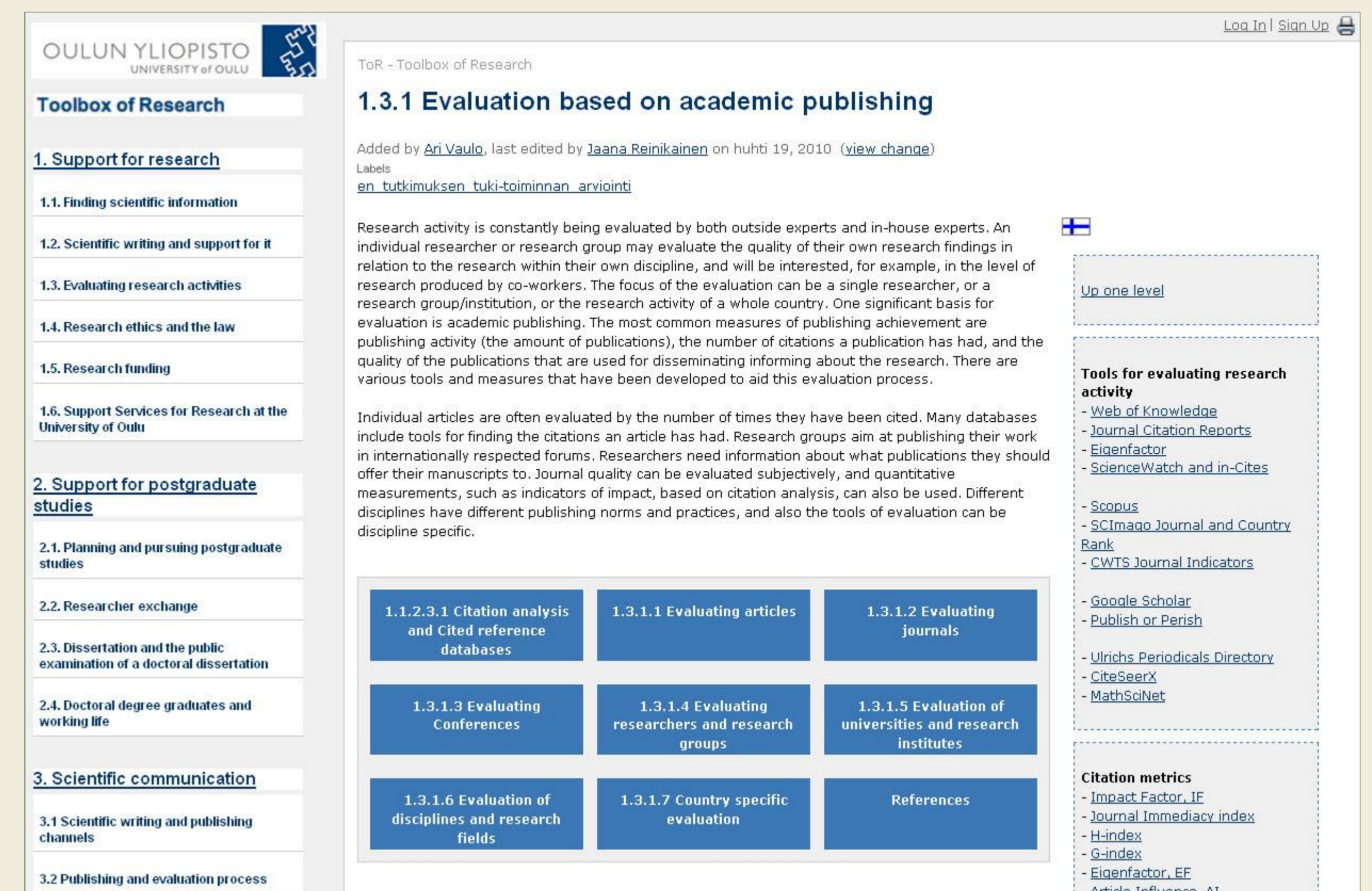
Scientific communication

- Scientific writing
- Publishing and evaluation process
- Popularizing science etc.

Meaning of the ToR for the library

The Toolbox of Research provides the library with three main benefits:

- Information literacy guidance is easily accessible in the environment that doctoral students and researchers use in other contexts as well .
- An extensive guide to evaluation based on academic publishing was created which was possible by ToR project funding.
- ToR is a good practical example of the library's strategic aim to integrate itself into the research and teaching of faculties and departments. A closer collaboration between the library and the departments helps the library to do the right things in the right way.



Screenshot of the title page of the section "Evaluation based on academic publishing".

The section is a significant benefit for the library gained through the ToR project. The comprehensive guide makes it possible for the library to develop new services to assist researchers in using the evaluation tools.

Approved and noticed

The Finnish Higher Education Evaluation Council (FINHEEC) evaluates the quality assurance systems in all universities and polytechnics in Finland. The audit of the University of Oulu was carried out in November 2009 and the evaluation group chose the Toolbox of Research environment as one of the three good practices at the University of Oulu. The ToR environment has received very positive feedback from the faculties and graduate schools as well.

Produced in the project coordinated by the library

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The library coordinated the project in cooperation with the University's Research and Innovation Services, Faculty of Education, Department of Information Processing Science, Language Centre and Thule Institute.

Toolbox of Research on the Web:

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