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Societal pressures are increasingly placing increased responsibility on the individual to manage their financial needs today and to plan for their needs in the future. Individuals must invest significant time to achieve financial literacy to manage their own situation or retain financial professionals and institutions to do this for them. Unfortunately, money is big business and the commercial goals of financial institutions (e.g., banks, brokerage firms, insurance) are not always aligned to the fiduciary best interest of clients.

Personal financial planning is an emergent profession with the purpose of helping financial professionals deliver evidence-based, fiduciary financial advice. There are an estimated 350,000 financial advisors in the United States with many times that working worldwide. A foundational requirement to empower financial literacy at the household level, and to evolve the profession from a sales industry to a client-centered professional service, is the generation and dissemination of peer-reviewed basic and applied research in the field of personal financial planning.

The Academy of Financial Services (AFS) and the association’s Journal, *Financial Services Review (FSR)*, were established in 1985 to connect researchers, educators, and policymakers to meet, discuss, and create research to serve the best interest of individuals and households. *FSR* stands as the oldest and most established financial planning and personal finance journal in the field, focusing on the holistic needs of the household as opposed to a single aspect of household finance such as investing, budgeting, or economic decision-making.

In December 2022, the AFS Board of Directors unanimously agreed to move *FSR* to Diamond Open Access to maximize the generation and dissemination of the important research being conducted in the field and published in the Journal. This decision will, unfortunately, negatively impact membership and submission fees. Additionally, AFS lost the Journal’s largest sponsor who previously paid to disseminate *FSR* to their professional members. AFS is seeking funding to ensure that *FSR* can fully utilize the open-access platform and continue to thrive as the longest-standing, independent journal in the field.

**OACIP Funding Goal**

$23,000/year for three years totaling $69,000
## Financial Services Review

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3  JOURNAL OVERVIEW

3.1  JOURNAL NAME
Financial Services Review (FSR)

3.2  JOURNAL WEBSITE
The Journal is managed and disseminated by the Academy of Financial Services (AFS):
https://openjournals.libs.uga.edu/fsr/about/editorialTeam

3.3  JOURNAL DESCRIPTION
The Academy of Financial Services (AFS) and its Journal, Financial Services Review, were established in 1985. The journal was published by Elsevier until 2001. FSR has been published independently by AFS since that time.

- The AFS Board of Directors agreed to move to Open Access in December 2022. As an interim step, the Board created a free FSR Access Membership level that allows access to current and historical FSR issues.

- In February 2023, the AFS Board of Directors issued a Call for Papers for the association’s Annual Conference, which included a dual submission option to FSR or one of three other journals in the field. There were no fees for submission although attending the conference did require paying a fee.

- On May 10th, 2023, the AFS Board of Directors passed a motion to move to Diamond Open Access and forgo all submission fees or membership requirements for submission to FSR. This is now in effect.

- On May 10th, 2023, the AFS Board of Directors named a new Editor, Dr. John Grable, along with a strategy to migrate to the Open Journal System hosted by the University of Georgia.

- FSR’s first full Open Access issue was Vol 31 #4, which was published in December 2023, with no fees for submission or access, and hosted on the new platform.

3.4  WHO OWNS THE JOURNAL?
The Journal was established and is currently owned by the Academy of Financial Services (AFS). AFS is the academic association and body that serves the personal financial planning and financial services field. AFS is a U.S. based academic body (501c3) that has members worldwide (e.g., United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, United Kingdom and more).
3.5 **Who publishes the Journal?**
The Journal is currently published by the Academy of Financial Services (AFS). In 2014, AFS entered into an arrangement with the Financial Planning Association (FPA) to co-publish the Journal under MOUs that expired May 2023. In return for distribution of FSR to their 17,000 members, FPA provided production cost assistance of up to $30,000 per annum.

As of now, AFS is 100% responsible for all production, copyediting, and distribution costs associated with the Journal. The AFS Board of Directors is actively looking for additional support to ensure the continued publication and distribution of *FSR*.

3.6 **What is the Journal's mission?**
See: [https://academyfinancial.org/Mission](https://academyfinancial.org/Mission)

*FSR*’s mission aligns with the AFS mission: “Our mission is to empower all individuals, academics, students, and professionals in the field of financial planning with peer-reviewed research to make evidence-based financial decisions.”

The Journal’s readership includes individuals, researchers, educators, practitioners, policymakers, and students. The Journal serves a growing need for a rigorous platform of dissemination for researchers who conduct research in the fields of behavioral finance, financial decision-making, financial management, household economics, financial literacy, financial counseling, financial therapy, and consumer behavior, in addition to personal financial planning. Work published in the Journal continues to be referenced across the literature with a growing impact.

With the move to Open Access, content in the Journal will be available to the public, but in all cases, the purpose is to provide peer-reviewed research that empowers individuals or the advisors that service them to generate better financial outcomes for the individual.

3.7 **What discipline(s) does the Journal serve?**
The fields of personal financial planning, personal finance, wealth management, and financial services are diverse in terms of drawing research from multidisciplinary sources. The following comprise the core disciplines served by the Journal:

- financial planning
- personal finance
- financial services
- insurance planning and risk management
- wealth management
- investment planning
- forecasting
- financial management
- behavioral finance
- financial decision-making
- household economics
- financial literacy
- financial counseling
- financial therapy
- consumer research
- consumer and family economics
- household decision making
- individual/family financial resource management
- financial psychology
3.8 Is this journal considered a flagship journal?
Yes, this is a flagship academic journal within the field of financial planning. Many reputable departments of financial planning in colleges and universities worldwide and finance departments (business schools) consider FSR a top-tier submission venue. FSR is also listed on the ABDC journal list as a B publication (pertinent to business schools, see https://abdc.edu.au/abdc-journal-quality-list/).

3.9 How many issues are published each year?
Four

3.10 What are the average number of articles published each year?
Sixteen to twenty-four

3.11 In what language(s) is the journal published?
American English; UK/Canadian and Australian English is acceptable.

3.12 On what platform is the journal hosted?
Until June 2023, FSR was published in PDF format and hosted in PageSuite by the Financial Planning Association (FPA) to allow access to their 17,000 financial planning professionals. AFS utilizes a membership management platform called Wild Apricot and access to the PDFs was also available to members of AFS through this platform. As mentioned previously AFS created a free membership level at the beginning of 2023 specifically for FSR access.

Beginning in the summer of 2023, FSR began using the Public Knowledge Project open-access platform called Open Journal Systems. The platform is managed by the University of Georgia (USA) library system. The Open Journal System platform is open source. This includes:

- No embargo or registrations will be required for reading. The new platform allows secure but fully open access to the publications.
- No charging or collecting submission fees or article processing fees (APCs), [already in effect].
- Granting to the UGA Libraries a worldwide, non-exclusive license to all content published by the Journal, including metadata, which is necessary to publish, transmit, and index the Journal and to preserve its content over time.
- Allowing authors of submissions to the journal and of any articles accepted for publication to retain the copyrights to their work.
As part of the migration to the new platform, all issues from 2014 onwards are available for Open Access.

4  **FINANCE AND SUSTAINABILITY**

4.1  **PROVIDE A SNAPSHOT OF RESOURCE AND SOCIETY/PUBLISHER FINANCES.**

AFS is an independent membership organization of academics, practitioners, researchers, students, and policymakers. It is a 501C charitable corporation in the USA. Historically the primary sources of income have been:

- Membership fees
- Submission fees for FSR
- Annual research conference
- Sponsorship.

Before 2023, the Journal required submitting authors to pay $100 and to be a paid-up member of AFS ($125/year). This model was replaced for the following reasons:

- The COVID-19 pandemic forced AFS to move to a virtual research conference for 2020 to 2022. This resulted in a major decrease in revenue and engagement. The virtual conference has remained profitable (minimal expenses), but engagement is down over 50%. The AFS annual conference is now a hybrid conference (face-to-face and virtual presentations and attendance).

- The AFS Board of Directors agreed to move to Diamond Open Access, which eliminated one of the Journal’s sources of revenue.

- The Journal’s major sponsor (i.e., FPA) decided not to renew the MOU as co-publisher of FSR (up to $30,000 per annum). Although not entirely, the move to Open Access reduced the value proposition of delivery to their 17,000 financial planners who can now access it for free.

**Balance Sheet - 2022**

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There has been a material difference in 2020 to 2022 with COVID as AFS was required to hold a virtual conference. Our P&L during 2022 looked like.

**P&L 2022**

**Income**
- Conference Registration: $4,698
- FSR Submissions: 1,715
- Membership: 6,775
- FPA FSR Sponsorship: 30,000*

**Expenses**
- Operations, insurance: 4,471
- FSR Publication: 30,000*

**Profit**: 8,717

FPA had been paying the production company and editor stipend directly for FSR production. Under the terms of our MOU (now expired) they have agreed to do so for three additional issues which are already “in production”: Vol 30 #4, Vol 31 #1 and Vol 31#2 which were due out by this quarter. The untimely death of our editor in March 2022 created significant production challenges and delays. Submissions for these issues had already been received.

Vol 31#4 was the first issue with the new editor utilizing the OJS system. At this time, there is no financial support, submission fees, required membership fees, or any access limitations associated with publishing in *FSR*.

As noted above, the AFS Board re-initiated a face-to-face conference which was held in conjunction with FPA in Phoenix in September 2023. In 2019, the last year with a face-to-face conference, the conference revenue was $31,000 (versus $4,698 in 2022), whereas conference expenses were about $19,000. Increased revenue was from larger attendance, higher fees for face-to-face, more corporate sponsors to fund Best Paper awards, and the event itself.

### 4.2 HOW IS THE JOURNAL CURRENTLY FUNDED?

- If it is funded through subscription, indicate the distribution/sales volume.
- If you charge publication fees please provide all publication charge information and policies.
- Apart from publication fees, do you receive any major additional sources of revenue or support, for example, from institutions, funding agencies, or other organizations?
As outlined above, FSR funding was covered by FPA (about $7,500 per issue) and included production costs and the stipend for the Editor. With the decision by the AFS Board to go Diamond Open Access, submission fees will no longer be collected (already initiated) and it may also result in a decline in membership if submissions are not linked to publication.

The strategy for moving forward has several components and some fallback strategies, but in summary FSR will be totally reliant on AFS membership fees or new sponsorship going forward:

- With the move to OJS, try and reduce operational costs on FSR production.
- Apply to OSCIP for supportive funding (this submission)
- Reinstate the face-to-face conference to try and return to pre-COVID revenues.
- Start additional value-added services for AFS members including a Job Fair, quarterly Webex presentations of research etc. to maintain membership revenues.
- Open options for charitable contributions in Wild Apricot

The AFS Board hopes to remain independent. Other alternatives include seeking advertisements from financial advisory firms, financial product providers, and other firms. It is the AFS Board’s hope that grant funding can be obtained so that this alternative can be avoided.

AFS has good financial reserves at $95,772 and but wants a financially prudent approach to funding FSR otherwise that will not devastate our reserves and put the Association at risk.

4.3 What are the reasons for seeking funding for transition to open access or continued support for open access publication?

At the current time, only three journals in the field are independent in terms of editorial control and content. FSR is the oldest of these journals and the only one to operate from a purely academic (rather than practitioner) perspective. At the time the AFS Board voted to move to open access, AFS was receiving journal production support from the Financial Planning Association (FPA).

Unfortunately (and unexpectedly), FPA decided to not renew this support as of May 2023. In part this was influenced by the now “free access” for any interested FPA members and our move to Open Access.

AFS is actively searching for additional sponsorship, ways to increase membership value and to reintroduce a face-to-face conference, but none of these will have immediate payback. The University of Georgia is providing a very modest level of support to fund the submission platform that will be used starting summer 2023.

The AFS Board of Directors are committed to Diamond Open Access and believe it is the right direction for the AFS and FSR, albeit with challenges. We are seeking funding to help maintain the open access model in light of reduced sponsorship and to allow us time to make the transition to the new platform and business model.
4.4  PROVIDE A SUMMARY OF YOUR FUNDING REQUEST THOUGH OACIP. INCLUDE TOTAL DOLLAR VALUE SOUGHT PER YEAR.

We are requesting $5,750/issue or $23,000 per annum. AFS estimates our operating costs going forward for FSR will be:

- Editor $2,500 per issue or $10,000 per annum.
- UGA for OJS system $1,500 per annum (now funded by UGA)
- Copywriting outsource $8,000 per annum (we are trying to reduce if possible)
- Galley production $4,000 per annum (the new OJS platform may reduce this)
- Miscellaneous costs $2,000 per annum

The AFS Board believes this is the minimum amount needed to run the Journal on an annual basis. The amount is less than the 2022 cost (i.e., $7500 per issue or $30,000 per annum). The primary way costs have been reduced is the cancellation of AFS’s agreement with KnowledgeWorks (the organization to provide production services at $5800 per issue). The new submission platform will allow AFS/FSR to manage all aspects of the publication process at a reduced cost.

AFS can use some capital reserves to fund any deficiency over the next few years until the association is able to generate additional grants, sponsorships, or contributions. It is hoped that once the Journal is on stable footing and publishing in a timely manner, FSR will be included in important business journal ranking and indexing services. When this occurs, membership in AFS should increase, which will make self-funding a reality.

4.5  WHAT IS THE JOURNAL’S COMMITMENT TO INNOVATION AND RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT?

As evidenced by AFS Board decisions, AFS and FSR are committed to promoting and disseminating innovation in research, development, and outreach. The decision to move to the open-access submission platform illustrates how committed those associated with the Journal are to making access to papers published in the Journal accessible to the widest possible readership.

The synergy of FSR and AFS and our annual research conference has always been an exceptional way to promote innovation in research and development.

- The conference allows unpublished work to be presented and discussed with peers to improve the likelihood of a quality that merits publication.
- Using a “dual submission” process for the conference and not only FSR but three other journals in the space expands awareness within the community of scholars.
- FSR will continue to announce Special Editions over and above the normal publication schedule by focusing on critical topics like financial literacy or the impact of technology on the advisory process—triggering new attention to important topics.
- The Journal raises sponsorship and provides a Best Paper Award for manuscripts at the conference as well as the best selection from FSR each year. AFS also provides an Early Career Award for someone within the first five years after their Ph.D. who has not only published research but also contributed to the community.
At the conference, AFS holds separate panel sessions on important topics for researchers. As an example, we endeavor to have a session with the editors of:
- The Financial Services Review (AFS)
- The Journal of Financial Planning (FPA US)
- The Financial Planning Review (CFP Board)
- The Financial Planning Research Journal (FPA Australia)

These sessions educate academics on best practices and approaches to having their research published.

4.6 Please describe how the journal demonstrates operational and financial stability or provide a plan for such.

The death of the long-time editor of the Journal in March 2022 created a production crisis. The editor’s death also highlighted a need to develop a sustainable system of Journal production and editing that can transition smoothly from one editor to the next. Under the previous Journal submission process, authors communicated directly with the editor. Few others associated with the Journal were privy to these communications. The weakness of this system became apparent when volunteers stepped in to facilitate paper editing; the records were incomplete and scattered or in his university email to which we had no access.

The AFS Board’s actions to establish a submission platform, move to open access, and strengthen the editorial advisory board indicate the association’s commitment to rebuilding FSR’s reputation as the premier publication outlet for those working on financial planning, personal finance, and related research. These steps will improve the accessibility and openness of academic research in the field.

The new OJS application and platform are designed to provide an integrated cloud-based platform that will be the repository of all submissions, communications, and publication with automated backups to special repositories.

Dr. Grable is well respected in the financial planning field and an experienced editor. As he has moved into his role, he has redesigned the governance structure of FSR with three levels of commitment and focus by volunteer academics:
- The Editorial Advisory Committee - senior respected academics and industry professionals to provide operational guidance.
- Associate Editors – those who will receive the first blind-copy of submissions and select the appropriate peer-reviewers.
- Editorial Board - leading academics from around the world - top people in their aspect of the field - that have volunteered to perform the peer-reviews.

Financially FSR has been and remains stable, even with the loss of the sponsorship of FPA. AFS has financial reserves and with reduced operating costs can remain in stable financial shape. As an organization focused on financial management and composed of academics, Certified Financial Planners, accountants, and others, our governance and financial management have been and remain excellent.
As outlined above, the submission to OACIP is extremely important to allow us to complete the transition to Diamond Open Access considering some unexpected challenges (loss of sponsorship).

5 IMPACT

5.1 DISCIPLINARY IMPACT

*FSR* and AFS remain committed to the generation and dissemination of research and the consumption and adoption of the Journal’s content within the profession. The following represent ways the Journal shows an impact:

- Regulated financial planning professionals have continuing education (CE) requirements to retain their certification. Relevant research within FSR is combined with CE quizzes that allow practitioners to demonstrate knowledge about the research for CE hours.

- The AFS Board of Directors is in negotiations with the Financial Planning Association (FPA) to include abstracts of the research published in FSR with each issue released and promoted to their 17,000 members.

- The AFS Advanced Financial Planning Research conference is held as a two-day pre-conference event. A special focus of the conference involves encouraging financial service practitioners to attend the conference as a way to interact with those in the research community.

- FSR sponsors a non-academic session for practitioners at the Advanced Financial Planning Research Conference to educate financial service practitioners on the topic of reading and interpreting research and applying it in their practice.

- FSR also sponsors a session at the Advanced Financial Planning Research Conference for researchers and policymakers to help them understand the editorial submission process, discuss curriculum options for teaching financial planning, and review ways to incorporate technology into the classroom.

- FSR has an H-Index (as of January 2024) of 21, placing it in the top 16% of 726 peer-reviewed journals.

5.2 DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION IMPACT

As an inclusive academic association, AFS is accepting of diverse voices on the Board of Directors, at the annual academic conference, and in the academic Journal. The *FSR* editorial team is committed to the continual alignment with the promotion of publishing opportunities for underrepresented scholars, societies, and groups.
The FSR DEI policy is tied directly to AFS’s Mission Statement (the statement is incorporated in the mission statement), which is itself founded on the following proposition:

“To recognize in all that we do that diversity empowers us all, and we must be respectful and inclusive of all individuals regardless of race, religion, color, age, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic disposition, neurodiversity, disability, or any other reason. We must also be respectful of future generations through our sustainable actions today to leave them a healthy planet.”

5.3 Faculty Impact or Student Success
FSR is currently ranked as B status journal in:

- the Australian Business Deans Council (ABDC) journal quality list.
- the Chartered Association of Business Schools (CABS) Academic Journal Guide
- the Norwegian Register for Scientific Journals, Series and Publishers

The FSR editorial team is positioning the Journal for inclusion in other citation indexes while taking steps to increase the ABDC ranking. The mid-term goal is to position FSR in high-prestige abstract/index services such as Scopus and the Social Science Citation Index (SSCI).

6 Organization and Governance

6.1 What is the Governance Structure of the Journal and, if Applicable, the Society/Publisher.
The Academy of Financial Services (AFS) is a non-profit academic association. AFS has no affiliation with any other non-profit or profit organizations other than seeking sponsorship of the annual conference. The Board is selected from the membership of the AFS and sits for a two-year term with an option to extend. We maintain academics from the US and other countries. Currently our Board includes US, Canada, New Zealand, Australia and UK members. The Board meets a minimum of twice a year but can call additional meetings as required. As an example, with the move to Open Access the Board has convened operationally and strategically 5 times since last September.

The editorial functions of the Journal are independent of the AFS Board. The Editor sits as a member of the AFS Board and reports at each Board meeting on the status of the Journal. The editor recommends academics and industry professionals to participate in one of three groups.

- The Editorial Advisory Committee, which includes senior respected academics and industry professionals to provide operational guidance. This group meets quarterly.
- Associate Editors who receive the first blind copy of submissions and select the appropriate peer-reviewers.
• Editorial Board that includes leading academics from around the world (i.e., top people in their aspect of the field) who have volunteered to perform the peer-reviews.

6.2 **PLEASE PROVIDE A LINK TO A LIST OF YOUR JOURNAL’S EDITORIAL BOARD.**
See: https://openjournals.libs.uga.edu/fsr/about/editorialTeam

6.3 **PROVIDE A STATEMENT ON EDITORIAL INDEPENDENCE OR WHETHER INVESTORS HAVE A SAY IN GOVERNANCE OR ARTICLE SELECTION/JOURNAL DIRECTION.**
The editorial functions of the Journal are independent of the AFS Board of Directors, conference sponsors, and other stakeholders. Unlike other journals operating in the space that sometimes select or reject papers based on the goals of the organization, FSR has never, and will not in the future, make publishing decisions based on any other factors than the recommendations of independent reviewers and the appropriateness of a paper’s topic in the Journal.

6.4 **DESCRIBE THE JOURNAL’S COMMITMENT TO ADVANCING SOCIAL JUSTICE AND DIVERSITY.**
Although AFS is a small volunteer organization of academics, we are committed to advancing social justice and diversity. This is implicit in our Mission and Objective and the composition of our Board.

AFS continues to extend both our governance and activities in a manner reflective of our global footprint.

7 **POLICIES AND STANDARDS**

7.1 **WHAT IS THE JOURNAL’S PEER REVIEW PROCESS?**
The Journal uses a double-blind peer review process (i.e., neither the author nor reviewer knows the identity of the other). Once a paper has been submitted, the editor makes a decision regarding manuscript quality and appropriateness for the Journal. If the decision is made to move forward, the paper is sent to an associate editor. That person’s role is to identify and ask at least two reviewers from the editorial board or ad hoc reviewers to assess the paper. Based on these reviews, the associate editor makes a recommendation to the editor who retains the final decision-making authority. The editorial functions of the Journal are independent of the AFS Board of Directors.

7.2 **IS YOUR JOURNAL INDEXED ON DOAJ?**
Not at this time, because the FSR was not open access in the past. However, FSR will be listed in DOAJ soon. The Open Journal System platform includes a plug in for DOAJ exporting/archiving and application support.

Our rollout on OJS with the University of Georgia includes the transfer of all publications of FSR from 2012 to date. Current issues are in a PDF format and will be automatically parsed and uploaded with individual submission access.
7.3 **Describe the Journal’s Author Rights Retention Policy.**
As outlined in Section 1.12, the new agreement with UGA and the use of OJS includes a policy to allow authors of submissions to the journal and of any articles accepted for publication to retain the copyrights to their work.

7.4 **What Copyright Is Assigned to the Journal Articles?**
Because AFS executed an MOU with UGA Library to have FSR’s implementation of OJS be hosted there, the copyright issue will follow UGA Libraries required policy:

- Grant to the UGA Libraries a worldwide, non-exclusive license to all content published by the Journal, including metadata, that is necessary to publish, transmit, and index the Journal and to preserve its content over time.
- Allow authors of submissions to the journal and of any articles accepted for publication to retain the copyrights to their work.

7.5 **Describe How the Journal Is Compliant with Relevant Technical Standards.**
Similar to how open access research is research that has been licensed to be freely shared, read, cited and more, without restrictions or fees, FOSS is licensed to be freely shared, installed, and modified. More specifically, PKP employs the General Public License V3 for its FOSS and recommends that those using the software apply a CC BY 4.0 license to their open access publications.

From the outset, PKP has undertaken research into scholarly communication, with special attention paid to the potential of the digital era to improve the circulation and quality of research. This work has led to innovative open-source tools, economic models, and publishing standards for advancing this form of knowledge for the benefit of humankind.

- See general support on [Standards](#).
- PKP supports [FAIR principles](#) but also lobbies for additional copyright reform.
- [Research based on 2020 beacon data](#) from instances of OJS, identifies the countries (156), languages (60), and disciplines (roughly all) of some 25K journals using the OJS software, along with their very different indexing levels in major scholarly indexes and low presence on predatory journal lists.
- In 2022 PKP initiated a project on Metadata. Metadata ensures accurate identification and citation of a work. It can improve discoverability, access, dissemination, preservation, and, arguably, research impact. It can help disambiguate similar works. The work outlined in this proposal will serve to “prove” that metadata quality, consistency and completeness impact individuals and communities.
- OJS supports a variety of plugins including oaiMetadataFormats plugins add a metadata format to the application’s OAI endpoint.
- OJS is at or beyond accessibility regulations including [ADA](#) at a global level. See [Statement of Inclusivity](#) for results of the audit from 2019 to 2021.
8 Additional Information

FSR has the oldest and most respected footprint of any journal in the field. The Journal was initially published and distributed by Elsevier, and at that time, the Journal was highly ranked and indexed. Because of a series of unfortunate events (e.g., the death of the Journal’s long-time editor being the primary factor), FSR lost its momentum and fell behind in timeliness of publication. The AFS Board is fully committed to changing the direction of FSR. A new editor has been appointed, as has a new editorial advisory board that consists of some of the most prominent researchers in the field. The editorial team’s number one objective is to return FSR to its former status as the highest ranked and indexed journal in the field. A key aspect associated with navigating this path is to ensure a base level of funding.

Last update: February 14, 2024