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1 SUMMARY

_Foucault Studies_ is the only international journal in the English language devoted to the work and influence of Michel Foucault, often listed as the most cited author in the humanities and social sciences.

Aside from being widely used at the research level, Foucault’s work is also commonly taught in university courses across the humanities and social sciences as well as in applied professional disciplines such as architecture, education, law, and social work. In the virtual sphere, the popularity of websites devoted to Foucault (such as “Foucault News”) attests to the broad influence of his work.

_Foucault Studies_ has been publishing high quality research on or inspired by Foucault for twenty years now, entirely open access. During the past two decades, it has established itself as the main venue in the anglophone world for scholars working on any aspect of Foucault’s thought and legacy, and as an essential tool for researchers all over the world to engage with each other’s work.

To remain faithful to its original mission and keep publishing first-rate research on Foucault completely free of charge for authors and readers, _Foucault Studies_ seeks an annual funding of $34,500 for three years. It will accept a minimum investment of any size.

The journal is currently finalizing a publishing agreement with the University of Pennsylvania Press, whose Faculty Editorial Board has recently approved the addition of _Foucault Studies_ to its journals program. At this important juncture, OACIP’s support will prove crucial in order to create a stable financial model that allows _Foucault Studies_ to make the jump from self-publication to a sustainable university press journal.

**OACIP Funding Goal**

$34,500/year for three years totaling $103,500
## AT-A-GLANCE

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3 JOURNAL OVERVIEW

3.1 JOURNAL NAME

*Foucault Studies*

3.2 JOURNAL WEBSITE

[www.foucault-studies.com](http://www.foucault-studies.com)

3.3 JOURNAL DESCRIPTION

*Foucault Studies* is the only international journal in the English language devoted to the work and legacy of Michel Foucault, often listed as the most cited author in the humanities and social sciences. Contributions to *Foucault Studies* are not limited to the examination of his work, but advance the analytical, empirical, and practical use of Foucault’s thought across all disciplines.

The journal was established in 2004. Since then, it has always been published open access in accordance with the platinum model (no fees charged to authors or readers), in conformity with SPARC recommendations.

A recent independent international scholarly evaluation gave *Foucault Studies* the top grade 6 (a journal at “a very high international level and interest”) out of 7 in all categories. With regard to “academic profile and standing” and “scientific quality”, the evaluation stated that “the status of *Foucault Studies* is very high internationally,” and that “the journal is well-known for its special issues which make a real contribution to ongoing debates.” The evaluation also lauded *Foucault Studies*’s cross-disciplinary and inclusive nature.

3.4 WHO OWNS THE JOURNAL?

No specific entity or individual owns the journal; *Foucault Studies* was established and is run by a community of academics. The current editor-in-chief is Professor, dr. phil. Sverre Raffnsøe (Copenhagen Business School). Starting in 2024, the journal will be run by an editorial committee composed of: Knut-Ove Eliassen (Norwegian University of Science and Technology), Robert Harvey (Stony Brook), Robin Holt (Bristol), Daniele Lorenzini (UPenn), Clare O’Farrell (Queensland University of Technology), Sverre Raffnsøe (Copenhagen Business School), and Dianna Taylor (John Carroll University).

So far, funds from public funding bodies have been received by the editor-in-chief on behalf of the journal, then immediately transferred to CBS to be administered (payment of managing editors and copyediting services, etc.). Since *Foucault Studies* is now transitioning from self-publication to being university-press supported, funds allotted from 2024 and onwards will be received and administered by a not-for-profit organization specifically incorporated to this end. As part of this transition, the journal is also developing an ownership statement.
3.5 **Who publishes the journal?**
The journal will be published by the Copenhagen Business School until December 31\textsuperscript{st}, 2024. It will be published by Penn Press starting on January 1\textsuperscript{st}, 2025.

3.6 **What is the journal’s mission?**
The principal mission of the journal is to promote first-rate scholarly research on or inspired by Michel Foucault’s work. In fact, the editors firmly believe that Foucault’s analyses of discursive formations, power relations, disciplinary and biopolitical technologies, governmentality, and the care of the self, among others, are still relevant to understand and problematize contemporary issues. Thus, *Foucault Studies*’s mission supports both scholarly researchers at all academic levels as well as the public interest.

3.7 **What discipline(s) does the journal serve?**
*Foucault Studies* publishes contributions in a vast array of disciplines within the humanities and social sciences, including but not limited to philosophy, sociology, anthropology, comparative literature, art, education, law, and political science.

3.8 **Is this journal considered a flagship journal?**
Yes

3.9 **How many issues are published each year?**
On average, two issues of the journal are published each year.

3.10 **What are the average number of articles published each year?**
On average, 30 articles are published each year.

3.11 **In what language(s) is the journal published?**
*Foucault Studies* is published in English. Occasionally, otherwise inaccessible texts by Foucault are published concomitantly in the original French as well as in English translation, in agreement with the Foucault Estate.

3.12 **On what platform is the journal hosted?**
The journal is currently hosted on CBS Open Journals (an Open Journal Systems open source platform created by Public Knowledge Product and provided by Copenhagen Business School Library free of charge). Starting in January 2025, it will be hosted on Project MUSE.
4 FINANCE AND SUSTAINABILITY

4.1 PROVIDE A SNAPSHOT OF RESOURCE AND SOCIETY/PUBLISHER FINANCES
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4.2 HOW IS THE JOURNAL CURRENTLY FUNDED?
Foucault Studies is currently funded by ongoing application to relevant funding bodies. Recently, the journal has been funded by NOP-HS (the Nordic Research Council) and FKK (the Danish Research Council). The journal has never charged APCs and remains fully committed not to charge APCs going forward.

4.3 WHAT ARE THE REASONS FOR SEEKING FUNDING FOR TRANSITION TO OPEN ACCESS OR CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR OPEN ACCESS PUBLICATION?
So far, Foucault Studies has usually obtained yearly $4,400 from the Danish Research Council and $12,000 from the Nordic Research Council. However, it has recently appeared clear that, going forward, it will become harder to obtain funding for Foucault Studies from NOP-HS since this Council has decided to close down its program for supporting Open Access journal publishing. Funding from the Open Access Community Investment Program will help stabilize Foucault Studies financially for the years to come and allow it to make the jump from self-publication to a sustainable university press journal.

4.4 PROVIDE A SUMMARY OF YOUR FUNDING REQUEST THOUGH OACIP. INCLUDE TOTAL DOLLAR VALUE SOUGHT PER YEAR.
We seek $34,500 annually for three years. We will accept a minimum investment of any size. Stakeholders’ investments will allow Foucault Studies to pay for copy-editing services and editorial office support (in the form of a stipend for a graduate student assistant) as well as for additional publishing and marketing services. Funds devoted to editorial office support will also help the editorial team build bandwidth to work with scholars whose papers may need additional rounds of revisions (i.e. early career scholars and scholars whose native language is not English). OACIP’s support would also offset costs incurred by Penn Press in publishing the journal.

4.5 WHAT IS THE JOURNAL’S COMMITMENT TO INNOVATION AND RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT?
The editors of Foucault Studies are active, well-respected members of the international research community. They regularly publish in top academic journals in their fields and participate in international conferences. The excellence of their research profiles is reflected in the choice of topics for the journal’s special issues and, more broadly, in their commitment to promote high quality research on and inspired by Foucault’s work in all relevant disciplinary fields.
4.6 Please describe how the journal demonstrates operational and financial stability or provide a plan for such.

Currently, two thirds of the funds received every year by Foucault Studies are used to employ and remunerate two managing editors who, under the supervision of the editor-in-chief, are in charge of the review and publication process. One third of the allotted funds is used to pay copy editors.

As Foucault Studies transitions from self-publication to university-press supported, its operations will benefit from the work of dedicated publishing staff, including staff knowledgeable about open-access business models. We expect a new publishing partnership will offer operational stability related to editing, production, and outreach services.

Receiving funding through OACIP will support the journal as the humanities and social sciences open access landscape continues to evolve and we transition stewardship for the journal’s current financial model to a new publishing partner.

5 Impact

5.1 Disciplinary Impact

While there are journals in Spanish, Italian, and German devoted to Foucault, Foucault Studies is the older and only journal in the English language devoted to his work and influence.

Foucault Studies’s H-index is 26 (source: Scimago, 2022), which is the second highest score among all Open Access journals on the list for philosophy. Papers published in Foucault Studies have been cited more than 6,500 times so far; the number of yearly citations is now steadily greater than 600.

Foucault Studies is indexed on DOAJ, EBSCO, Google Scholar, Philosopher’s Index, and Scopus.

Since its publication, SJC (Scimago Journal & Country Rank) has ranked Foucault Studies in the top quartile for the field of philosophy for 8 years, and in the second quartile for 7 years.

Foucault Studies’s rejection rate in the past ten years has been consistently around 80%. This ensures high-quality publications that have an impact.

The average number of yearly article downloads for the period 2015-2022 was 90,877.

5.2 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Impact

During the past fifty years, Foucault’s work has been (and it still is) an incredibly important source of inspiration for a variety of movements demanding equal treatment and rights for minorities all over the world. In accordance with this crucial aspect of Foucault’s legacy, Foucault Studies has been regularly publishing papers addressing topics such as gender and racial inequality, disability, and feminism, among others. The journal also published monographic issues on Feminism, Queer Theory, Race, Counter-Conducts, Disability, and Sexuality.
5.3 Faculty Impact or Student Success

The journal is widely read and used by both academics and students. Papers published in *Foucault Studies* are considered excellent contributions to boost tenure applications in American academic institutions, and many among the most well-respected Foucault scholars in the world have published at least once in the journal. Moreover, many authors have included materials originally published in *Foucault Studies* in their monographs.

*Foucault Studies* is unique in that it is the only English-language journal providing a focused forum for the discussion of Foucault’s work, including criticisms, developments, and applications, the publication of new translations as well as book reviews. No other venue currently provides scholars and students with these contents, and at any given moment in time, if one wanted to access the most up-to-date scholarship on Foucault, one would have to turn to *Foucault Studies*.

6 Organization and Governance

6.1 What is the Governance Structure of the Journal and, If Applicable, the Society/Publisher?

*Foucault Studies* is an international and interdisciplinary journal. Its editorial board includes scholars across continents and disciplines to ensure breadth of outlook. The editors all hold a doctoral degree; they are appointed by invitation from the existing editorial board. Their mandate period continues until it is terminated by mutual agreement.

**Editor-in-chief:**

Sverre Raffnsøe, Professor of Philosophy, Copenhagen Business School (Denmark)

[NB: Starting in 2024, *Foucault Studies* will be run by an editorial committee composed of the current editor-in-chief, Sverre Raffnsøe, and six current co-editors: Knut-Ove Eliassen, Robert Harvey, Robin Holt, Daniele Lorenzini, Clare O’Farrell, and Dianna Taylor.]

**Co-Editors:**

Alain Beaulieu, Associate Professor of Philosophy, Laurentian University (Canada)

Brehgam Dalgliesh, Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of Tokyo (Japan)

Knut-Ove Eliassen, Professor of Comparative Literature, Norwegian University of Science and Technology (Norway)

Verena Erlenbusch-Anderson, Associate Professor of Philosophy, Syracuse University (United States)

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Robert Harvey, Professor of Philosophy, Stony Brook University (United States)
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Annika Skoglund, Associate Professor, Department of Civil and Industrial Engineering, Uppsala University (Sweden)
Dianna Taylor, Professor of Philosophy, John Carroll University (United States)

6.2 Please provide a link to a list of your journal's editorial board.
https://rauli.cbs.dk/index.php/foucault-studies/about/editorialTeam

6.3 Provide a statement on editorial independence or whether investors have a say in governance or article selection/journal direction.
The editors of Foucault Studies retain full editorial independence. Investors and funding bodies have no say in governance, article selection, and journal direction.

6.4 Describe the journal's commitment to advancing social justice and diversity.
During the past fifty years, Foucault's work has been (and it still is) an incredibly important source of inspiration for a variety of movements demanding equal treatment and rights for minorities all over the world. In accordance with this crucial aspect of Foucault's legacy, Foucault Studies has been regularly publishing papers addressing topics such as gender and racial inequality, disability, and feminism, among
The journal also published monographic issues on Feminism, Queer Theory, Race, Counter-Conducts, Disability, and Sexuality.

The editorial board of *Foucault Studies* includes scholars across continents (Europe, North and South America, Asia, Oceania) and disciplines, and at various stages of their academic careers. The editors are fully committed to keep working to promote diversity both in the management of the journal and in the topics that it covers, to encourage the vaster possible array of scholars to contribute. The editors consider this endeavor to be in keeping with the legacy of Foucault’s work, which provides us with important tools to diagnose and fight against all forms of oppression and discrimination.

*Foucault Studies* has a commitment to diversity in its mission statement: [https://rauli.cbs.dk/index.php/foucault-studies/about](https://rauli.cbs.dk/index.php/foucault-studies/about)

## 7 Policies and Standards

### 7.1 What is the journal’s peer review process?

*Foucault Studies* operates according to a triple-anonymous review system.

Each manuscript is first assessed by two co-editors, who do not know the author’s identity and who are tasked to decide whether to reject the manuscript or send it out for external review. If the latter, the manuscript is subsequently anonymously-reviewed by two internationally recognized scholars.

On the basis of these reviews, authors receive a detailed letter from the editors communicating the decision about their manuscript, and either outlining the reasons for rejection or stating how best to revise their work in view of publication in *Foucault Studies*. In some rare cases, the editors reserve the right to obtain a third external review before making a decision.

If a manuscript is accepted with revisions, the revised version is read by the two co-editors in charge of it to assess whether it is ready for publication. If a manuscript receives an R&R, the revised version is sent out again to the external reviewers who reviewed the original version; if one or both are unavailable, new external reviewers are contacted.

### 7.2 Is your journal indexed on DOAJ?

Yes. [https://doaj.org/toc/1832-5203](https://doaj.org/toc/1832-5203)

### 7.3 Describe the journal’s author rights retention policy.

Authors retain full rights to their publications, including permission to reuse articles subsequently in other context (e.g., anthologies and edited volumes), provided that they indicate original publication in *Foucault Studies*.

### 7.4 What copyright is assigned to the journal articles?

*Foucault Studies* uses a CC BY-NC-ND license.
7.5 **Describe how the journal is compliant with relevant technical standards.**

*Foucault Studies* is hosted on an Open Journal Systems platform and is preserved through CLOCKSS/LOCKSS. Work is quickly deposited into discovery services and benefits from OJS/PKP’s accessibility interest group and resources.

8 **Additional information**

N/A

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