

Summary:

Results of "Questionnaire concerning the usage of electronic journals at Waseda University"

Responsible organization	Waseda University Library
Term	From 4th to 22nd March 2019
Target	Full time Faculty, Graduate students and Undergraduate students
Methodology	Census (as of 2019/3/1)
Number of respondents	999 / Faculty:305, Graduate students:312, Undergraduate students:364, others :18
Response rate	1.97% / Faculty:15.23%, Graduate students:3.74%, Undergraduate students:0.9%
Questionnaire item	A total 50 questions on usage of e-journals, e-journals services, the current provision of e-journals at Waseda University and Personal information

- 1-1 : How often do you use e-journals?
Over 80% of all respondents are using e-journals on a regular basis. 354 respondents (35%) are using e-journals "once to 3 times a week".
- 1-15: What do you use the e-articles you access for?
 "Current research without any research grant" occupied 13% and the percentage of each option is evenly distributed. Over 80% of faculty members selected "Mentoring students, including during lectures or seminars". It is clarified that **e-journals are used for both of research and education.**
- 2-2: How important are the platforms provided by Big-Deal contracts to achieve your purposes?
93% of respondents selected either "very important" or "quite important". Both faculty members and students showed the same tendency.
- 3-4: If we were to cancel the Big-Deal contracts, you would no longer be able to read e-journals on their platforms. Would this hinder your research and/or teaching?
A total 763 respondents (77%) replied negatively either "it would be a big hindrance." or "it would be a hindrance.". 259 of them are **faculty members, which accounts for 85% of all faculty members who replied to this question.** 42 respondents selected "Yes, but I can think of ways around the problem.". Including them **the respondents who think that it somewhat hinders their research and/or teaching to cancel the Big-Deal contracts got to over 80%.** A total 181 respondents selected either "it would not be much of a hindrance." or "it would not be a problem." and 62% of them are undergraduate students, which is at least 20% of all undergraduate student respondents.
- 3-5: What do you think would be hindered if the Big-Deal contracts were canceled?
About 60% of faculty members selected "Both research and teaching activities" would be hindered and this accounts for 1.6 times more than "Research activities including learning" responded. On the other hand, about 80% of students selected "Research activities including learning" would be hindered. The student respondents were twice more than faculty members, therefore, the respondents who thought "Research activities including learning" would be hindered got to 66%.
- 3-6: Which are your thoughts regarding Big-Deal?
 444 respondents (59%) selected "Waseda University should continue the contracts, even though I cannot bear a part of the cost.", and 212 respondents "Waseda University should continue the contracts, even if I have to bear a part of the cost.". Then, **87% of all respondents thought that Waseda University should continue the Big-Deal contracts any way and 69% cannot bear any cost,** who selected either "Waseda University should continue the contracts, even though I cannot bear a part of the cost." or "I cannot bear a part of the cost and therefore I leave it up to Waseda University to decide whether or not to continue the contracts."