VII. The Elsevier Foundation and Elsevier: Advancing the UN SDGs

Inclusive Health

Health is our most valuable asset and we believe that everyone deserves access to the best possible care. The Lancet Global Health Commissions identify key actions and inform policymakers by bringing together experts to reflect on burning health issues. Our analytics reports shed light on the latest HIV/AIDS, Alzheimer and melanoma research—and since 2020, the Coronavirus Resource Center provides free expert, curated information for the research and health community. The Elsevier Foundation provides a special focus on inclusive health partnerships tackling health disparities and increasing access to training and care for those who need it most.

Gender Equality

Elsevier’s mission is to help science and healthcare realize its full potential through quality content, analytics and inclusion. But if research has blind spots, datasets are incomplete or medical treatments don’t incorporate gender dimensions, we cannot truly serve our communities. We bring together the best minds in our I&D Advisory Board, cooperating on meaningful partnerships with the Gender Summit, providing awards for women in STEM through the Elsevier Foundation, and publishing research on women’s participation, career progression and perceptions. Our recent report, Making progress towards a more inclusive research ecosystem, captures the meaningful interventions we are making to create greater diversity in editorial boards, conferences and research.

Reduced Inequalities

Science and research are key drivers for positive global societal change. As a partner in the research community, Elsevier has a role to play in reducing inequalities. We are a founding and driving partner of Research4life, a UN-publisher partnership providing training and access to research in developing countries. We support inclusive initiatives such as patient access, the Rising Black Scientists Awards, and are committed to reducing biases in the publishing industry. At the Elsevier Foundation, we work to increase opportunities, visibility and inclusion for STEM researchers from the Global South, women scientists and underserved youth.

Science, research and innovation are fundamental to achieving the sustainable and equitable future envisaged by the UN Sustainable Development Goals. With an ambitious 2030 target, there are only 10 years left to accelerate action and drive positive change. From Elsevier’s publishing portfolios and analytics capabilities, to supporting unique partnerships and working with the global research and health communities, we believe that it is possible to achieve significant progress towards the Goals. The Elsevier Foundation forms an integral part of Elsevier’s corporate responsibility program, which centers on unique contributions to sustainable development in health, gender, reduced inequalities and climate.