

# Trailblazers: an Open Access Monograph and Book Initiative for Early Career Researchers

Trailblazers is a joint initiative launched in 2024 between Lancaster University, the University of Liverpool, Liverpool University Press, and the University of Salford (joined by Liverpool John Moores University, University of Reading and University of Wolverhampton for 2025).

The collaboration between these institutions focuses on early career researchers (ECRs) to maximise the opportunity for their early career research impact via OA publishing. It provides author bootcamps and other forms of training to support ECRs as authors.

The ECRs selected go through the peer review and publication process of their monograph, which is published immediate open access via support from the participating libraries. As the initiative is new, the first outputs are still in process, [although an interview with one of the participating ECRs is now available here](#).

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