



How to Create a Video Abstract

Frequently Asked Questions:

➤ **What is a video abstract?**

If your paper is accepted for publication, you can help to raise the profile of your article by creating a video abstract — a brief video introduction to your article. Your paper's text abstract will still be available, but this video supplement will add a new dimension to your work, helping to attract new readers to your article.

➤ **What Should I talk about?**

The best video abstracts tend to answer at least two of the below questions:

- What does your article cover?
- What are the implications for future research on this topic / where would you like to see the field go?
- How can an instructor use your article in their teaching?

If you're happy to be contacted by your readers, you can end the video by providing your email address, and inviting them to contact you to discuss your article.

➤ **How long should my video abstract be?**

The video abstract is a short teaser to draw readers into your article, so a running time of between 3-5 minutes works most effectively.

➤ **Should I read from a prepared text, or speak freely?**

We recommend making a few notes before recording your video abstract, but then talking around those relatively spontaneously, so that your abstract connects with the viewer.

➤ **How do I record a video abstract?**

All you need is a webcam, a microphone and an internet connection. [Step-by-step instructions](#) are included overleaf.

➤ **Can I combine audio with my PowerPoint slides instead?**

Absolutely. If you have your slides and a microphone you can do this with Slideshare – (<http://www.slideshare.net/tour>) and Audacity (<http://audacity.sourceforge.net>). There is an introduction to slidecasting here: <http://compassconference.wordpress.com/creating-scholarly-podcasts>



Guide to Recording your Video Abstract

1. Sign in to YouTube. If you don't have an account yet, sign up here http://www.youtube.com/create_account?next=%2F.
2. Make sure your webcam and microphone are attached to the computer and working. Most webcams have a built-in microphone, Mac laptops have the microphone built in to the laptop itself, or you can plug a separate microphone into your 'mic in' socket.
3. Go to the "[Record From Webcam](http://www.youtube.com/my_webcam)" page (http://www.youtube.com/my_webcam).
4. If you see a message that says 'www.youtube.com is requesting access to your camera and microphone', click 'Allow'.
5. You should now see a picture in the record section. If you don't see this, you may need to choose a different video source from the video dropdown in the 'Record Video' window.
6. Before recording your final video abstract, do a test run by hitting 'record' and capturing a few seconds of video with audio, press the 'stop' button and preview it back to yourself. If your voice is too quiet/loud, adjust your microphone input volume on your computer's audio control panel. Try to ensure there is nothing distracting in the background behind you.
7. Now record your video abstract! Remember to look directly into the webcam so that you are addressing your audience.
8. When you're finished recording, click 'Preview' – if you are happy with it, click 'Publish'; if you want to re-record your Video Abstract, click 'Re-record'
9. When you click 'Publish', your video starts processing. You can edit information about the video by going to the '[My Videos](http://www.youtube.com/my_videos)' page (http://www.youtube.com/my_videos).
10. Finally, email the journal's editorial office the link to your Youtube video!