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# APSWI

More than **2,000** psychological scientists have signed up to participate in the APS Wikipedia Initiative.

The APS Wikipedia Initiative supports the Association's mission to deploy the power of Wikipedia to represent scientific psychology as fully and as accurately as possible and thereby to promote the free teaching of psychology worldwide. Psychological scientists are improving Wikipedia articles as volunteer editors and raters as well as using Wikipedia articles as classroom writing assignments. [www.psychologicalscience.org/apswi](http://www.psychologicalscience.org/apswi)

Paula Marentette, University of Alberta-Augustana, Canada, used Wikipedia entries on vocabulary development and joint attention for writing assignments in her Language Acquisition senior seminar. Her students' work elevated those entries to "Good Article" status, one of Wikipedia's highest article rankings. Those two articles are among only 30 psychology-related entries ranked as "Good Articles" in Wikipedia.

Wikipedia writing assignments go beyond the goals of a typical writing assignment and have the potential to reach a wider audience. The vocabulary development entry alone was viewed nearly 14,500 times in a recent 90-day period.

"Writing for the public shifted [the students'] thoughts to their responsibility to potential readers, something they took very seriously. It helped them understand the privilege they have to access a wide range of information in academic libraries and the skill they have developed to be able to understand and interpret academic writing," Marentette said.



Participants have edited more than **1,600** psychology articles.

## Postdoc Exchange

"I'm really glad I posted the ad on this website. It broadened the pool of applicants, and it did so quickly."

-Jean-François Bonnefon  
Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Toulouse, France

## APS POSTDOC EXCHANGE

Since the Postdoc Exchange opened in August 2011, nearly **400** postdoc positions have been posted.