Why is publishing your work important?

Perhaps you need to publish in order to graduate, get a job, or advance your career. But consider two of the most important aims of scientists:

* To add to the **body of human knowledge**
* To help yourself and others **understand the nature of the universe**

Your research is not complete until it has been published

You can’t accomplish these goals without publishing. After all, the main way that others learn about your work is through your published articles. If you don’t publish, other researchers can’t build on your work; it will be as if you never did the research.