About

To Improve the Academy (TIA) is the flagship peer-reviewed publication of the Professional and Organizational Development Network in Higher Education (POD Network). TIA, an open-access, electronic journal, is focused on faculty, graduate and professional student, instructional, professional, and organizational development. TIA publishes two issues annually, with occasional special issues responsive to the profession and moment.

History

TIA was first published in 1982 as a printed, edited book with the title To Improve the Academy: Resources for Faculty, Instructional, and Organizational Development (Jossey-Bass). In 2013, it moved to an electronic-only format with a revised title To Improve the Academy: A Journal of Educational Development (Wiley). It is now an open-access journal published by Michigan Publishing.

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