ExplORe: Open Access Publisher
Agreements

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Open Access Publisher Agreements

- Agreements with 20 publishers
- Open access for research and review *articles* to UoA corresponding authors
- Participating journals
- Fees covered by the Institution
What is Open Access?

Research outputs are made freely available to anyone with an internet connection without charge or other barriers.

Immediate open access under a licence allowing sharing and reuse under specific conditions i.e. CC BY.
Creative Commons Licences

We recommend the CC BY licence and it is usually mandated by funders!
Benefits of Open Access

- More exposure for your work
- Practitioners can apply your findings
- Higher citation rates
- Compliant with grant rules
- The public can access your findings
- Your research can influence policy
- Taxpayers get value for money
- Researchers in developing countries can see your work
Funder & REF Open Access Policies

• Research funders have OA requirements grant holders must meet
• Research Excellence Framework (REF2028)
• Immediate OA under an open licence via gold or green route
• Always choose the CC BY Creative Commons license
• Open Government Licence (OGL) if subject to Crown Copyright
• CC BY-ND by exception
• Limited funds for OA in Block Grants
• Publisher agreements aid compliance
Two Routes to Open Access

- Publish your final article open access (Gold/Diamond)
- Publish behind a paywall in a subscription journal and deposit accepted manuscript (AM) open access in a repository (Green)
- Both compliant with funder and REF open access requirements
- Publisher Agreements allow open access for the final published article in participating journals
- Not all journals are covered by the agreements
Journal Models

**Fully Open Access**
- All articles open
- Author pays Article Processing Charge (APC)
  - £2k-£10k

**Diamond Open Access**
- All articles open
- No APC
- Publisher covers costs

**Hybrid**
- Subscription journal
- Selected articles open when
  - Author pays APC
    - £2k-£10k
- Accepted manuscript can be made open in institutional repository
What is a Publisher Agreement

• Transformative, 'transitional' or read and publish agreements
• Aim to move from traditional subscription journals to a 100% open access model
• Library pays fee for traditional 'read' subscription access, and a portion for open access publishing
• Agreements vary between publishers
• Some include all journals, some hybrid only
Reasons for Publisher Agreements

• Traditional model – library paid subscription for members to read
• 2012 funder open access policies and block grants introduced
• Hybrid journals - pay APC to publish selected articles OA
• Double dipping
• More expensive than fully open journals £2,000 - £10,000
• Lack of transparency
• Hybrid APCs no longer paid by funders
• More open access and less admin
## Open Access Publisher Agreements

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Hybrid Only Agreements

• Agreements which only cover hybrid journals
• E.g. Elsevier, Springer, Taylor & Francis
• For fully open access titles APC applies
• 15% discount
• Author pays
• Make sure you have funds to pay
• No central funds outside block grant – UKRI, Wellcome, BHF
• Block Grant limited funds
Eligibility

- Open to all UoA authors
- UoA corresponding author
  - Identified by affiliation
  - Use abdn.ac.uk email address
- Original Research and Review articles
  - Other types e.g. letters, commentary not included
Tools to check publisher/funder policies

• SHERPA RoMEO online resource summarising publisher open access policies, providing details of self-archiving permissions and conditions of rights given to authors on a journal-by-journal basis

• SHERPA FACT tool to help researchers check if a journal complies with their funder’s open access requirements

• SHERPA JULIET database where researchers can search for information on funder policies and requirements on open access, publication and data archiving

• Journal Checker Tool Publishing options supported by your funder’s OA policy?

• Use with caution
Pure/AURA

• Enter all articles in Pure – green & gold
• Email paperaccepted@abdn.ac.uk
• Send confirmation of acceptance and accepted manuscript
• Add information yourself
  • Upload metadata for datasets
  • Add awards, activities, prizes...
• Email us for help
  • openresearch@abdn.ac.uk
Summary

• Make your research open access
• Funder open access requirements for some researchers
• REF Open Access Requirements for all
• Use the open access agreements for OA at no extra cost
• Meets OA requirements
• Deposit all accepted papers in Pure/AURA
• Contact the Open Research Team for help and advice
Any Questions?

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