The Open Access Price-tag for Authors
3 Financial Resources for Researchers Facing APCs

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Financing options for UniBe researchers

Who pays for OA publishing?

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- **Researcher:**
  - @unibe
  - finds journal
  - Checks it in Sherpa/Romeo

- **Open Access**
  - No costs: Publish
  - Subscription

- **Gold OA**
  - APCs paid by funder (e.g. SNSF via ChronosHub)
  - Hybrid and some OA journals
    - Only corresponding authors
    - Some publishers
    - Not all journals
    - May have limited amount of articles or pre-paid amount
    - May change from year to year

- **Green OA**
  - No costs: Publish (check embargo)
  - Pure OA Gold, no hybrid
    - Only corresponding authors
    - @ UniBe
    - Application on website
    - Max 2'500 CHF
    - CC-BY

- **Read & Publish**
  - Author Processing Charges (APC)
  - OA Fund

- **Pure OA Gold, no hybrid**
  - Only corresponding authors
  - Application on website
  - Max 2'500 CHF
  - CC-BY

**ACHTUNG!**
APCs for hybrid journals that are not part of our R&P deals cannot be supported by the OA fund! Check:
- Possibility for OA green
- Alternative financing options (e.g. institute/faculty)
Resource 1: Read & Publish
How does it work?

- Big Deal license that has evolved to include subscriptions and funding for Open Access.
- READ: institution has access to a publisher’s subscription content. Pricing often based on current subscriptions.
- PUBLISH: APCs for the institution's faculty are waived and built into the contract price.
Resource 1: Read & Publish

How does it work? (ctd)

Sample UI →

Choose Your Affiliation

We have open access agreements in place with a number of organisations, meaning that affiliated researchers can publish open access at no cost to them. For further information on these agreements, please visit our institutional open access agreements page. Once you have selected your affiliation below, you will be notified if you can publish open access free of charge, which will be verified later by your university or institution and us. Additionally some research funders offer funding for open access publication charges. Please visit our open access funding page for further information.

Please note: if you do not find your university or institution, try to search by city. If your institution or university has a well-known acronym, try the acronym.

Your University / Institution

Hamad bin Khalifa University (Doha | Qatar)
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R&P deals @ Uni Bern

- **Elsevier**
  Agreement does not cover Cell Press journals and various society journals
- **Springer Nature**
  Agreement does not cover Nature Group journals and journals from Scientific American
- **Wiley**
  Agreement does not cover Wiley’s Open Access Gold journals
- FAQ and further information on our [website](#)
- Questions: esupport@ub.unibe.ch
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Resource 2: OA Fund @Uni Bern

What is it?

- Part of national OA fund through swissuniversities
- Financial support for gold open access articles
- APCs of up to 2’500 CHF (excl. VAT)
- Application via online form
- Criteria (a.o.):
  - Corresponding author w/campus acct.
  - Journal in DOAJ
  - CC-BY licence
- Website
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Application

Application for Open Access Publication Fund

To ensure quick and uncomplicated processing of your application, please complete the form below, upload the original bill for the open access costs and tick the box in the declaration. If you have questions, you can reach us at oafond@unibe.ch

Name *

Role at the university *

Your role in the publication *

Please select...

Publisher and journal name (if different) *

e.g. fullName of Global Health

URL of the publisher or the journal *

Title of the publication *

Publication type *

Please select...

PDF uploaded to repository *

Please select...

Please make sure to upload a PDF of your Open Access publication to Uni Bern's repository DOIs.

Details about upload of PDF to storage *

Please let us know when you uploaded the PDF or why you did not do so (e.g., the article is not yet published)

Please note that without an original bill we cannot process your application. The bill has to be from 2022.

Publisher ID *

Date of publication*

Keine Ausführung

Declaration *

Please select...

By checking the box above, I declare that all information provided in my application are truthful.

Submit Restore
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Process

Application ➔ Check by OA Fund team ➔ OA fund pays publisher directly

Check:
• Complete application
• Criteria fulfilled
• Correct billing address
• Article uploaded to BORIS
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Process for Frontiers

- Frontiers submission
- Check by OA Fund team
- OA fund pays Frontiers directly

Check:
- Submission appears on OA Fund’s Frontiers dashboard
- Criteria fulfilled – «accept»
- Article uploaded to BORIS

ACHTUNG:
- Limited funds per year
- Campus account needed
- Declined if SNSF-funded
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Resource 3: SNSF via ChronosHub
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Journal Selection & Manuscript Submission

How does it work for an author?

1. The author logs in to ChronosHub with the intention to submit a new article manuscript to a journal.

2. The author goes to the list of journals. Each journal is per default flagged as compliant or non-compliant with the SNSF’s policy. The author can also select any of about 40 other funders. Where applicable, national publisher agreement information is also displayed per journal.

3. Once the author has found a suitable journal, the author gets presented with a submission form where the information can be entered and the manuscript uploaded.

4. If the journal’s submission system is integrated with ChronosHub, the author makes the submission directly. Otherwise, ChronosHub captures minimal information and takes the author to the journal’s submission page where the author needs to register and make the submission. Upon submission you get a confirmation message from the publisher.
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Upon acceptance

What do I as author need to do?

If you submitted through ChronosHub, you typically do not need to do anything.

If you submitted directly to the publisher, ChronosHub should still get the invoice, and you do not need to do anything.

If you still have received an invoice to publish your article Open Access, you can:

a) Forward the invoice to snsf@chronoshub.io, or
b) Upload the invoice in ChronosHub and enter some details on your accepted article.

In case your article is not eligible for being paid, or there is a non-compliance issue, you will be contacted by the ChronosHub support, and they will guide you to address any issue, e.g., correcting the funding acknowledgement, etc.

You do not need to worry about non-compliance issues, paying APCs, and some of the reporting.
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In Summary:

Who pays for APCs?

Funding sources (general)
- HEI via:
  - Read & Publish Deals
  - OA Fonds
  - Institute/faculty funds
- Funding instruments (e.g. SNSF via ChronosHub)
- Researchers’ private funds

Funding options @Uni Bern
- OA Fonds to support APCs and BPCs for pure OA Gold journals
- Read & Publish Deals
Services for OA Publishing

- Funding for Open Access Publication
- Infrastructures and support: BORIS, BORIS Theses, BOP
- OS workshops & courses
- 1:1 consulting

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Thanks!

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