

The contract between Elsevier and UK Universities is due for renewal in December 2021.

How does the current agreement work?



£1.3 million

Cost to read articles from over 1,800 Elsevier journals (paid by the Libraries)



£120 - £7,800 per article

Cost to publish each open access article and comply with funders mandates (paid from grants)

Is there an alternative?

There are a variety of business models for publishers, including **transitional agreements**. Under these agreements, the publisher receives a unified payment for providing access to their journal portfolio *and* payment for open access publishing.

Despite publishing over 20% of UK output, Elsevier is unusual in not having established a transitional and Plan S compliant open access agreement with UK universities.

UK Universities aim to reduce costs to levels they can sustain and to provide full and immediate open access to their research.

How do the negotiations work?

Mar 2021 Jisc, a sector-wide consortium began negotiations on behalf of UK Universities

May 2021 First proposal from Elsevier rejected by Jisc as it was too far removed from the sector's requirements

Dec 2021 - Jan 2022 Final proposal from Elsevier and decision on whether the agreement is acceptable



Apr 2021 Cambridge University Libraries, working with Journal Coordination Scheme and Open Research Steering Committee began collection information to support decision making

Jun-Jul 2021 Additional information available online and via emails

Sept-Dec 2021 Events, briefings and consultation across the Cambridge community

Jan 2022 onwards Continued access or alternative plans in place

How can you get involved?

You can find up to date information in this [webpage](#) and contribute to the consultation through [this form](#), or write to us at consultations@lib.cam.ac.uk.

Look out for virtual events in September - November. If you would like to organise a workshop in your Faculty/Department, please get in touch by writing to info@osc.cam.ac.uk.

