

# Open Access Publishing Overview

## I want to publish Open Access. What are the options?

Publish in a fully open access journal or platform that is not covered by a publishing deal (such as F1000) (gold open access)

- The publisher will charge an Article Processing Charge (APC).
- APCs vary from around £1,000- £9,000 excluding VAT.
- If your research is funded by an external funder they may have a licence requirement (usually, CC BY).

Publish gold open access in a hybrid or transformative journal that is not covered by a publishing deal (gold open access)

- The publisher will charge an APC.
- APCs vary from around £1,000- £9,000 excluding VAT.
- If your research is funded by an external funder they may have a licence requirement (usually, CC BY).
- Please note that the University will not cover APCs for papers submitted from 1/4/23 to hybrid or transformative journals, as the University's Self Archiving Policy provides a compliant green route.

Publish in a journal or platform that offers immediate open access. APCs are covered by the journal or platform's sponsor(s) (diamond open access).

- No APC to pay (it is covered by the journal's sponsor(s)).
- If your research is funded by an external funder they may have a licence requirement (usually, CC BY).

Publish open access with an open licence in a journal covered by a [publishing deal](#) (gold open access).

- No APC to pay (the costs have been covered by the University under the terms of the deal).
- If your research is funded by an external funder they may have a licence requirement (usually, CC BY).

Publish in a subscription or hybrid journal and make your accepted manuscript available on publication with a CC BY licence via rights retention (green open access).

- No APC to pay.
- Select the subscription route and make the accepted manuscript available immediately on publication with a CC BY licence.
- The University has introduced a [Self-Archiving Policy](#) to assist researchers with using rights retention.

Publish in a subscription or hybrid journal and make your accepted manuscript available after the publisher's required embargo period (if any) (green open access).

- No APC to pay.
- If your research is funded by an external funder they may have a maximum permitted embargo. The publisher's self-archiving policy may be longer than your funder's maximum permitted embargo duration.

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