Paying for Open Access?

Read & Publish and Open Access Fund

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Open Access financing models so far
Green – Gold – Hybrid – Diamond

- Green = self-archiving, often embargo period and post-print, financing through subscription
- Gold = immediate access to version of record, author tends to pay APCs (Article Processing Charges)
- Hybrid = immediate access to version of record, author pays APCs and financing through subscription (double dipping!)
- Diamond = immediate access to version of record, financed through crowdfunding
Publishers

APCs for Gold OA and Hybrid OA

- Charging APCs was (and is) favoured business model
- Shifts the financial burden from reader to author
- Publisher pricing is not transparent (and often exorbitant, esp. Hybrid OA)

Recent Developments:
- Funders no longer fund hybrid
- Library consortia are tougher in negotiations
- Read & Publish deals
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.
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How does it work?

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Current Situation in Switzerland

- **Elsevier** – agreement signed
  - Use of E-Mail address of the institution (University of Bern, PH Bern, Inselspital)
  - Agreement does not cover Cell Press journals and various society journals

- **Springer Nature** – agreement signed
  - Use of E-Mail address of the institution (University of Bern, PH Bern, Inselspital)
  - Agreement does not cover Nature Group journals and various society journals

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OA Gold without R&P

Who pays?

- Most publishers do not have R&P deals in place and still work with APCs: where do researchers get the money to pay for OA-Gold?
  - SNF/EU
  - Institute
  - Private funds

OA Fonds @ Uni Bern
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Covering APCs beyond R&P deals

Open Access fonds @ Uni Bern

- **NEW:** Financial support for Gold Open Access publications with a CC-Licence
- APCs (also for Book Chapters) are covered up to 1’500 CHF
- BPCs are covered up to 2’000 CHF

Criteria and application form can be found [here](#)
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Criteria (selection)

- **What is supported:**
  - Full OA Gold, no hybrid
  - Peer-reviewed articles, books, book chapters

- **Who can apply?**
  - Teaching and/or research staff employed by the University of Bern; lecturers (DozentInnen), assistants (AssistentInnen) and doctoral candidates employed by Uni Bern
  - Reimbursement; first-come, first-served; max 3 applications per term

- **Requirements for the publisher**
  - Journals
    - Full OA Journal (no hybrid!)
    - Peer-review or equivalent discipline-specific quality control mechanism
    - [DOAJ](https://doaj.org) membership (or – in case of a newly founded journal – fulfilling DOAJ criteria)
  - Book projects
    - Quality control mechanism accepted in the applicant’s discipline
    - If possible: membership with [DOAB](https://doab.org) or [OASPA](https://oaspa.org)
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Services for OA Publishing

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- 1:1 consulting

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