

CSUF Open Access Article Publishing Fund Application

History

In 2015 the Pollak Library (PL), in partnership with the Emeriti of California State University, Fullerton, established our Open Access Article Publishing Fund. The Office of Graduate Studies joined as a partner in September 2018, contributing \$6,000 annually to the fund to cover articles authored or co-authored by CSUF graduate students. The Office of Research and Sponsored Projects (ORSP) joined as a partner in November 2019, contributing \$1,000 annually. Starting Fall 2020, ORSP has been the primary sponsor for this PL-ORSP partnership that makes CSU Fullerton the leading CSU supporting faculty research and publishing in open access journals.

Purpose

This fund aims to reduce the financial barriers that might prevent faculty and students from publishing in peer-reviewed, open access journals. It thus benefits CSUF authors with greater scholarly readership and potential citations, while simultaneously providing reliable, perpetual, free access for the whole world, including our taxpayers, alumni, and donors.

Eligibility and Limits

To be eligible, the journal must be peer-reviewed, and fully open access as indicated by external indices such as Ulrich's, the Directory of Open Access Journals, and/or Cabell's. Hybrid journals, which charge subscriptions and supplemental open access fees, and often user access fees as well, are not eligible. Funds cannot cover fees for submission, pages/plates/graphics, editing/typesetting, embargoes, or donations.

Eligible applicants must have a current, official affiliation with California State University, Fullerton, whether as faculty (emeriti, tenured, tenure-track, lecturer, or adjunct), or as an enrolled student. The applicant should typically be the first and/or corresponding author on the article, but there may be scenarios when another co-author can apply so long as CSUF-affiliated authors receive public credit, preferably in the article itself, for majority authorship of the article. The fund does not cover full or partial costs of APCs when authors from institutions other than CSUF receive majority authorship credit. Funds are limited to \$1,500 per CSUF author every two academic years. Authors with external grant or contract funds available to cover APCs are asked not to apply; we endeavor to reserve these internal funds for those without external grant support for APCs. Authors submitting external grant proposals are strongly encouraged to budget line items to cover future open access APCs and to "line-fence" anticipated future publishing costs that will need to be paid after the end of the grant.

Application Submission and Evaluation Process

We accept applications on a rolling basis throughout the academic year. Applications are pooled and competitively evaluated six times during the academic year, with awards announced on the 30th of July, September, November, January, March, and May. Each set of awards

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can allocate up to \$5,000 maximum. Funds unused from previous evaluation periods roll over to the next. Preference will be given to articles primarily authored by junior tenure-track faculty and/or faculty-student co-authored articles.

To apply, please fill out the CSUF Open Access Article Publishing Fund online application. Completion of this form does not guarantee your application will be approved.

Applicants who receive Open Access Article Publishing Fund awards consent to the published version of their article being deposited and made Open Access in the CSU ScholarWorks repository and also consent to the Pollak Library Open Access Team using their likeness and their publication for promotional purposes.

If you have any questions, please email Michaela Keating (Open Educational Resources Librarian and Chair of the Pollak Library Open Resources Committee) at mckeating@fullerton.edu.