What We’ve Going To Cover

- Setting up the Open Access Authors Fund
- Criteria – for authors and for journals and more
- The Fund in action
- The future of the Fund
- Some issues
- Other OA activities at the University of Calgary
Setting up the Fund

- BMC membership change ($5,000 to $50,000)
- Growth of other submission fees OA publishing programs (fully OA publishers, “hybrid” programs)
- Unequal access among authors to money to pay submission fees
- June 2008 start, in conjunction with ALA and SPARC meetings
- $100,000 CAN for 2008/2009
Setting up the Fund (cont)

- Press release:
  http://devel.library.ucalgary.ca/services/for-faculty/open-access-authors-fund-0

- Policies, procedures, criteria, etc.

- The Open Access Authors Fund:
  http://devel.library.ucalgary.ca/services/for-faculty/open-access-authors-fund-0

- FAQ:
  http://devel.library.ucalgary.ca/services/for-faculty/open-access-authors-fund/open-access-authors-fund-frequently-asked-questions-faq
Criteria – For Authors

- Who is eligible
- Faculty, staff, graduate students, postdoctoral researchers
- No undergraduate students, no adjuncts (for now?)
Criteria – For Journals

- Fully Open Access journals e.g. BMC, PLoS, Hindawi, some others
- “Hybrid” Open Access journals where subscription costs are lowered in response to the take-up of the OA program e.g. OUP, AIP (others?)
Other Criteria

☐ No limits, either by number of submissions or by cost
☐ Other fees (e.g. illustration, colour, page charges) are not covered
☐ Articles only (for now)
☐ Don’t have to exhaust other funding BUT...
☐ Author options:
  ■ Put article in institutional repository
  ■ Use article in promotion of the Fund
The Fund in Action

- Operating since September 2008
- In a “soft launch”
- Official and “unofficial” submissions
- Some prepayments and memberships e.g. BMC, PLoS, Hindawi
- 1st in Canada, 6th in the world
The Future of the Fund

- Still in early stages
- Move to regular activity
- More advertising, promotion
- More presentations to and talks with departments and faculties
- Advisory group
- Evaluation after first year
Some Issues

☐ Are we being too generous?
  ■ High submission fees
  ■ Dealing with grants that can pay for submission fees

☐ Are we being taken advantage of?

☐ Are we paying more than if we just had individual subscriptions?

☐ The Fund vs. the economic situation
Other Open Access Activities at the University of Calgary

- Institutional Repository (https://dspace.ucalgary.ca/)
  - third largest in Canada
- Synergies Project (http://www.synergiescanada.org/)
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