Training Thursday – Open Access Authors Fund

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What We’re Going To Cover

- A brief Open Access (OA) refresher
- Background
- Some statistics
- Criteria
- How to use the Open Access Authors Fund (OAAF)
- The future
• Open Access content is material that is freely accessible on the World Wide Web
• If you can get to the Web, you can get to OA content
• No toll barriers such as subscriptions or pay-per-view/pay-per-use fees
• Don’t have to be associated with an institution with a subscription
“Green” road
- Deposition in Open Access repositories (OARs)
- There are institutional and subject repositories

“Gold” road
- OA publishing, akin to the “regular” publishing world
- Can be fully OA or hybrid OA
- This is what the Open Access Authors Fund deals with
• Pays article processing charges (APCs) for articles written by U of C authors publishing in OA journals that use the APC model
• Started in 2008
• Now in 6th year of operation
• 1st OA author fund in Canada, 6th in the world, 5th oldest
• About 80 funds in the world, 5 in Canada
• $100,000 for years 1-5
• $150,000 for 2013/2014
• No limits on amount paid
• No limits on number of submissions to the OAAF
• One of several OA-related services and programs in the LCR Center for Scholarly Communication
• 439 accepted articles
• $600,000 spent
• $1373 per article average
• APC Range: $150-$3020
• 27 different publishers; top three are BioMed Central (BMC), Hindawi, and Public Library of Science (PLoS)
• 202 different journals; top three are PLoS One, BMC Health Services Research, and BMC Public Health
• 294 different authors, mostly from biomed
There are two sets of criteria, for authors and for journals/publishers

Authors:
- Must be U of C faculty, staff, grad students, postdocs (or the equivalent)
- Must use available grant funds to pay APCs before turning to the OAAF

Journals/Publishers:
- OAAF will pay APCs for articles in fully OA journals
- OAAF will pay APCs for articles in hybrid OA journals only where the publisher reduces subscription costs in response to the take-up of their hybrid OA program
For most journals/publishers, authors with an article accepted for publication need to complete the application form for the OAAF.

Application is judged against the Fund criteria.

If the Fund can cover the APC, LCR pays the invoice on behalf of the author.

No reimbursements, if possible.

How To Use The OAAF
• For BMC and Hindawi, authors submit first, then complete the form
• Articles are paid for out an account set up with the publisher (BMC) or are pre-paid (Hindawi)
• Arrangements with other publishers e.g. 25% APC discount with Royal Society, APC tokens with Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC)
• Looking at arrangements with Sage, Wiley, and IEEE
• Deposition of funded articles in the U of C institutional repository is encouraged
• Questions about submitting to the OAAF are very welcome – feel free to contact Andrew anytime
• Revamp the OAAF webpages
• Revamp the form
• Non-journal OA content
• Tri-Council OA mandate
• Spreading the word
• Open Access Week 2013, October 21-27
Some Resources

- Peter Suber’s Open Access overview: [http://www.earlham.edu/~peters/fos/overview.htm](http://www.earlham.edu/~peters/fos/overview.htm)
- Peter Suber’s Very Brief Introduction to Open Access: [http://www.earlham.edu/~peters/fos/brief.htm](http://www.earlham.edu/~peters/fos/brief.htm)
- Open Access Directory: [http://oad.simmons.edu/oadwiki/Main_Page](http://oad.simmons.edu/oadwiki/Main_Page)
- Open Access Authors Fund: [http://library.ucalgary.ca/open-access-authors-fund](http://library.ucalgary.ca/open-access-authors-fund)
- Open Access Authors Fund application form: [http://library.ucalgary.ca/forms/open-access-authors-fund](http://library.ucalgary.ca/forms/open-access-authors-fund)
• Center for Scholarly Communication: http://www.ucalgary.ca/scholarlycommunication/
• University of Calgary institutional repository: https://dspace.ucalgary.ca/
• Open Access Week: http://www.openaccessweek.org/
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