Five Years (Almost) of the University of Calgary Open Access Authors Fund

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What We’re Going To Look At

• Information about the Fund
• Some numbers
• Some issues
Information About The Fund

• Began fiscal year 2008/2009
• 1st in Canada, 6th in the world
• $100,000 CAN, all from Libraries and Cultural Resources (LCR)

• Criteria for authors
  – U of C faculty, staff, grad students, post-docs, adjuncts
  – Have to turn to grants first

• Criteria for publishers/journals
  – Fully OA journals
  – Hybrid OA journals if subscription costs are lowered
Information About The Fund (cont.)

• Articles need to be accepted for publication
• Ask if articles can be put in the IR
• Ask if we can use articles for promotional purposes
• Have some deals with publishers e.g. BMC, Hindawi, Royal Society
• User reaction very positive
Some Numbers

- 311 formal submissions to the Fund
- 290 articles accepted
- 18 publishers represented
  - Top 3: BMC (169), Hindawi (65), PLoS (21)
- 141 journals covered
  - Top 2: PLoS One (16), BMC health services research (11)
- 198 submitting authors
  - 2 with 8 covered articles, 2 with 5
Some Numbers (cont.)

• Average payment per article=$1370
• Highest payment=$3416 (PLoS biology)
• Lowest payment=$150 (Acta Crystallographica Section E - Structure Reports Online)
Some Issues
The University Of Calgary Open Access Suite

- Institutional repository: dspace.ucalgary.ca
- University of Calgary Press: uofcpress.com
- Synergies: www.synergiesprairies.ca
- Digitization: www.ucalgary.ca/digitalinitiatives
- Open Access Authors Fund: library.ucalgary.ca/services/-faculty/open-access/open-access-authors-fund-0

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