

Gold Open Access

The alternative to a paywall



What is Gold Open Access?

Publishing research results in an open access journal, which provides all articles freely accessible on the internet, is called Gold Open Access.

The production of an open access journal involves costs that can be covered in different ways. When the author-financed model applies, the authors themselves pay publication fees or article processing charges (APCs) for each of their articles. In many cases, agreements between institutions and publishers enable authors to publish their articles open access without additional costs or at reduced costs. Some journals do not charge fees at all due to their ties to an institution and/or due to the publication culture in the particular discipline.

Where can I get funding for publishing in a Gold Open Access journal?

The University of Bayreuth provides an open-access publishing fund in order to cover article processing charges for authors in gold open access journals. 100% of the costs can be covered as long as the APCs do not exceed 2000 Euro. Should the costs cross this threshold only a partial funding is possible.

In order to be funded, an article should meet the following criteria:

- The article is published in a genuine gold open access journal (not hybrid, "Open Choice", Open Access option, etc.) which applies a recognized, strict quality assurance procedure. For information see the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ).
- A member of the University of Bayreuth is the main or a corresponding author and responsible for paying the publication costs.

If you have questions concerning funding, please contact the Open Access Support Team of the Bayreuth University Library:

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How do you find a quality gold open access journal?

The initiative „Think Check Submit“ which is supported by publishers and library associations has compiled a checklist of questions which help identifying quality OA journal. Here is a brief overview:



- Have you or your colleagues heard of the journal before?
- Can you easily identify and contact the publisher?
- Does the journal give clear information about the type of peer review used?
- Are the articles of the journal indexed in a publication database which you use?
- Is it clear what fees will be charged?
- Do you recognise members of the editorial board? Do the editorial board mention the journal on their own websites?
- Is the publisher a supporter or member of an open access initiative?

So-called predatory publishing is a phenomenon in the field of open access publishing. Here, quality assurance (peer review, indexing, etc.) and editorial processing of the articles often do not take place or do not meet the standards of scholarly conduct.

Further information on this topic can be found on the homepage „[Predatory Publishing](#)“ of Bayreuth University Library.

Where can you find support for publishing a gold-OA-journal?

Open Journal Systems Bayreuth ([OJS Bayreuth](#)) is a platform for the administration and publication of scientific Open Access journals by members of the University of Bayreuth. A uniform user interface accessible from anywhere by a web browser facilitates the complete editorial workflow of a scientific journal – from submission, review and editing to publication. The layout and editorial process can be flexibly adapted to the individual requirements of the editor(s).

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