

Update on open access (OA) publishing options at Stellenbosch University

It is a great pleasure to update you on the new OA publishing agreements signed with publishers. In the past two years, the Library and Information Service has signed agreements with a number of publishers that offer discounts on article processing charges (APCs) or, in some cases, allow authors to publish OA without paying (APCs). In 2023, over 4 400 hybrid journals and 550 fully OA journals have been added to the list of journals where SU authors can publish fully OA without APCs, bringing the total to more than 7 300 hybrid journals opened up as a result of transformational agreements. What this means is that in 2023, South African authors can now publish fully OA without APCs in more than half of all subscription journals that member institutions subscribe to!

We would like to encourage researchers to use these publishing options to enhance the visibility of SU research as well as to raise the research profile of the University.

The Library has signed new OA (Read and Publish) agreements with the following publishers for 2023 – 2025:

American Chemical Society (ACS)

This is a three-year read and publish agreement (2023-2025) for the ACS All Publications package. The agreement includes continued read access to over 75 journals in the ACS All Publications package as well as unlimited open access publishing in the [ACS hybrid journals](#).

There is no limit on the number of articles that can be published open access in the ACS hybrid journals. For gold open access journals (the ACS Au journals), a flat \$3 000 article processing charge (APC) applies. The exception is ACS *Omega*, for which the APC is already heavily discounted.

IOP Science Extra

Read access is provided to over 70 scholarly journals, including the renowned *Journal of Physics* series, back to 1874. Publishing is unlimited in [IOP's hybrid](#) and [gold OA journals](#). However, there are a few titles where the IOP is contractually prevented from offering open access publishing.

Oxford Journals

The Oxford Journals collection features 376 scholarly and authoritative journals published in collaboration with several professional societies. Current subscriptions include access back to 1996. Publishing is unlimited in all [eligible hybrid journals](#) and a 10% discount on article processing charges in [Gold Open Access journals](#).

ScienceDirect

This is a three-year (2023-2025) **read and publish agreement** with Elsevier for the ScienceDirect Freedom Collection. The offer includes [capped hybrid OA publishing](#) without article processing charges (APCs). The article entitlement for the above in 2023 is 2221 nationwide. The agreement also includes a 15% discount on [Gold Open Access](#) titles.

Also included is a developmental programme to support growth and development in the South African researcher community. You can read about the agreement here:
<https://www.elsevier.com/open-access/agreements/south-africa>

SpringerNature

This is a three-year transformational read and publish agreement (2023-2025) for the Springer Compact collection, which includes [all hybrid and closed](#) journals in Springer, Adis, Palgrave and

Nature Academic journals. No APCs are payable for publishing in these titles. [Fully open access](#) Springer Nature journals, including BioMed Central (BMC) journals and Nature Research Journals, are excluded from this agreement. However, submissions under the University's affiliation will grant researchers 15% discount on the APCs for BMC, Springer Open and Palgrave Macmillan Open titles.

Prior to 2023, the Library signed OA agreements with the publishers listed below:

a) Publishing with no APCs

Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)

The agreement allows corresponding authors from SU to publish an unlimited number of articles OA in ACM journals free of charge.

Cambridge University Press

The agreement allows corresponding authors from SU to publish research articles in [CUP journals](#) free of charge.

Emerald

The agreement permits corresponding authors from SU to publish a capped number of articles as OA free of charge in the [Emerald gold and hybrid journals to which we subscribe](#).

Institute of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE)

The agreement permits corresponding authors from SU to publish an uncapped number of articles as OA in [IMechE journals](#) free of charge.

SAGE

The agreement allows corresponding authors from SU to publish an uncapped number of articles as OA in [SAGE hybrid titles](#) (SAGE Choice) free of charge. Corresponding SU authors will also receive a discount of 20% when publishing in [SAGE's gold OA portfolio of titles](#).

Sponsoring Consortium for OA Publishing in Particle Physics (SCOAP³)

The partnership allows corresponding authors from SU to publish OA in journals in the [SCOAP³ repository](#) free of charge. The subject focus of this resource is particle physics.

Wiley

The agreement allows corresponding authors from SU to publish free of charge in [Wiley's hybrid OA journals](#). From 2023, our agreement includes open access publishing in all **Wiley Gold Open Access** journals and **Hindawi** journals. There is no limit on the number of articles that may be published by authors affiliated to SU in these journals for the years 2023 and 2024. There is also a new publishing page on the SANLiC website - [Wiley-SANLiC](#) which links to the Wiley Researcher Academy and other useful resources as well as upcoming events.

b) Discounted APCs

Multidisciplinary Digital Publishing Institute (MDPI)

Corresponding SU authors will receive a 10% discount on the APC for any paper accepted for publication by MDPI. To browse subjects and journals covered here, please click on this link: <https://www.mdpi.com/>.

Royal Society of Chemistry

Corresponding authors from SU will receive a 15% discount on APCs when publishing OA with RSC. The first four articles submitted to RSC by SU authors per year will be published free of charge.

For a full title list of SANLIC Read and Publish agreements, please click the link below:

https://sanlic.org.za/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/All_ReadandPublish_Titlesupdated27-02-2023.pdf

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Summary of read and publish agreements to date:

AGREEMENTS	Agreement status	Journal count	Duration
ACM Open	In effect	55	2021-2023 (3-year)
Cambridge University Press	In effect	403	2021-2024 (4-year)
The Royal Society of Chemistry	In effect	10	2021-2023 (3-year)
Wiley	In effect	1 681	2022-2025 (4-year)
Sage Premier	In effect	1 116	2022-2024 (3-year)
Emerald e-journals	In effect	310	2022-2024 (3-year)
American Chemical Society	In effect	63	2023-2025 (3-year)
IOPscience extra	Concluded and signed	102	2023-2025 (3-year)
Oxford journals online	Concluded and signed	390	2023-2025 (3-year)
ScienceDirect	Concluded and signed	1 820	2023-2025 (3-year)
Springer	Concluded and signed	2 070	2023-2025 (3-year)

Kind regards | Ngemibuliso emihle | Vriendelike groete

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