

FACULTY OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH SCIENCES OPEN ACCESS PUBLICATION FUND (FMHS-OAF) APPLICATION FOR FMHS-OAF

Purpose

The purpose of the **Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences Open Access Publication Fund (FMHS-OAF)** is to provide financial support to **FMHS early-career staff, postdoctoral fellows and postgraduate students** towards **Article Processing Charges (APC)** of research publications in peer-reviewed **Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET)-accredited open access or hybrid journals**. Open Access publications refer to peer-reviewed publications that are published online and are freely available immediately after publishing. Hybrid publications refer to peer-reviewed publications in subscription-based journals with fee-based open access options for individual articles.

Please also consult the [SU Library list](#) of publishers with whom SU has **agreements for reduced or waived APC**.

Eligibility

FMHS early-career staff, having obtained a PhD degree within 5 years, or a medical specialist qualification, e.g. MMed or CMSA, within the last 10 years; or **FMHS postdoctoral fellows** or **FMHS postgraduate students, as first author**. Undergraduate students must apply to the [Undergraduate Open Access Fund](#). In addition:

- The journal must be **peer-reviewed** and **accredited by the DHET** and listed on one of the [DHET-approved indices](#). Post-publication open peer review articles do not qualify for FMHS-OAF support. Articles in non-accredited journals or so-called 'predatory' journals are not eligible for FMHS-OAF support.
- The article must be a **DHET subsidy-bearing** publication (case reports and protocols typically do not qualify).
- All FMHS researchers' **Stellenbosch University and FMHS affiliation** should be indicated on the article.
- Only **one application** per article may be submitted, despite the number of affiliated co-authors.
- The article must either have been **published** or **accepted for publication by the time of application**.
- Since the purpose of this fund is to assist early-career researchers and postgraduate students who do not have any access to funding to publish, **only authors not having dedicated grant funding for APC are eligible to apply**.

Award

Awards will be made supporting **100% of the APC for the prorated FMHS authors with official FMHS and SU affiliations**, up to a **maximum of R 30 000 per publication, pending the availability of funding**. If more than one application is submitted by an author in a calendar year, priority will be given to first-time applicants. Funding awards may be amended or suspended at any point, depending on the availability of funding.

Successful awards will be paid into the nominated **cost centres**, regardless of whether the authors have already paid the publisher's invoice or not. **It remains the authors' responsibility to pay the actual publisher's invoice.**

Application

Applications can be submitted at **any time during the year**.

NOTE: The relevant APC invoice date must not be older than 2 months by the time of application.

An application consists of the completed application form and the following supporting attachments:

Appendix	Description	✓	Comments (optional)
A	Published article OR article plus proof of acceptance		
B	A copy of the publisher's invoice		
C	Proof of SU's payment to the publisher (if applicable)		
D	Early-career researchers: List of previous publications		
E	Postdoctoral fellows students: Proof of registration		

Submission

A completed application form must be submitted with the **attachment(s)** as **one PDF document, to Dr Tania Brodovcky (taniab@sun.ac.za) via e-mail**. Please note that incomplete applications will not be accepted. No hard copies are required.

Enquiries

Dr Tania Brodovcky at taniab@sun.ac.za or 021 938 9150.

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION			
Surname			
First name		Title	
Division / Centre / Entity			
Department			
SU number		E-mail	
Applicant status (Select one)	Staff	Postdoctoral fellow	
	Staff enrolled for a further degree	Postgraduate student	
Race (For reporting)		Gender	
Date of birth		Disability	
APPLICATION CATEGORY (Select only one) <i>*Proof of registration must be attached to the application.</i>			
*Postdoctoral fellow (FMHS)		*Postgraduate student (MSc)	
*Postgraduate student (PhD)		*Postgraduate student (MMed)	
*Postgraduate student (MPhil)		*Postgraduate student (Masters other)	
*Postgraduate student (Hons)		Early-career researcher (FMHS staff) State most recent qualification (PhD/ MMed/CMSA) <u>and</u> year obtained:	

2. DETAILS OF RESEARCH ARTICLE			
Article title			
Journal name (full official name)			
Publisher name (company)		Publication year	
Total number of authors		Number of FMHS-authors	
RESEARCH THEME (Select <u>all</u> relevant themes)			
Infectious Diseases	Maternal and Child Health		
Mental Health and Neurosciences	Non-communicable Diseases		
Health Systems Strengthening	Violence, Injury, Trauma and Rehabilitation		
Primary Health Care	Other		

3. CO-AUTHOR DETAILS (FMHS-AFFILIATED AUTHORS **ONLY**)

(If there are more than five SU-affiliated authors, provide these details on a separate sheet and attach to the application.)

CO-AUTHOR 1:	
Name and Surname	
Division / Centre	
Department	
SU number	
CO-AUTHOR 2:	
Name and Surname	
Division / Centre	
Department	
SU number	
CO-AUTHOR 3:	
Name and Surname	
Division / Centre	
Department	
SU number	
CO-AUTHOR 4:	
Name and Surname	
Division / Centre	
Department	
SU number	
CO-AUTHOR 5:	
Name and Surname	
Division / Centre	
Department	
SU number	

4. FUNDING REQUEST

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Article processing charges in journal currency	
Article processing charges in South African Rand	
Exchange rate used to convert to South African Rand <i>(if applicable)</i>	
Nominated <u>K cost centre</u> number or <u>Projects & grants cost centre</u> :	
Name <u>and</u> SU number of cost centre owner <i>(can be a senior author)</i>	

5. DECLARATION

APPLICANT:

I hereby declare that the information provided above and supporting documents are correct and valid.

I further confirm that I do not have grant funding available to pay for this publication APC.

APPLICANT NAME (IN PRINT):

DATE: