

## The advantages of Open Access:

- You enable third parties to access your scientific publications and research data free of charge and without barriers.
- You retain the rights to use your publication.
- You only transfer the simple right of use for the purpose of publication to the publisher.

### *This means in particular:*

- Increased visibility means that your OA published research results will be cited more often.
- You can safely redistribute OA articles in social networks.
- the interdisciplinarity of research and cooperation is promoted
- the transfer between science and society is facilitated and improved.

### *Principally*

- accessibility to scientific publications and research data financed by the public sector is improved.
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If you are interested, you can book a short lecture on these topics for your research group.

### **Please also note:**

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## Publishing Open Access Articles in Commercial Journals



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## Many ways to publish Open Access

### Golden OA

In Golden OA, scientific publications are published as a first publication with an OA publisher or repository. In this case, publishers often charge an article processing charge (APC).

High-quality OA journals that have their articles peer-reviewed can be found listed in the Directory of Open Access Journals [https://doaj.org]. The University Library supports this worldwide initiative through membership.

Certain publishers grant discounts within the framework of negotiated agreements. You can receive a subsidy on the APC from the Open Access Publication Fund if you belong to the University of Tübingen, are a first or corresponding author and publish with the CC BY license.

Please ask us about the current conditions and your individual possibilities!

### Publishing in a Hybrid Journal

Most commercial publishers offer authors the option of publishing their articles submitted to a traditional subscription journal in open access (open option) for an additional fee.

## The Transition or Transformation

According to the recommendation of the Science Council and the consensus of the research funders (cOAlition S), the offers and opportunities for open access publishing are to be expanded. Journals that present a step-by-step plan to evolve from a hybrid journal to a pure OA journal within a time-limited framework are called transformative journals. This is based on elaborate charging models for reading and publication costs. From the current perspective, this transformation process does not appear to be cost-neutral. Positive side effects are price sensitivity and cost transparency (Open APC project).

In the meantime, the majority of major publishers now offer transformation contracts in addition to the Open Access option. The most prominent examples are the nationwide DEAL contracts with Elsevier, Springer Nature and Wiley, alongside BMJ, de Gruyter, CUP, Sage and many more. In these cases, the costs for the OA option are borne centrally by the university.

When publishing in hybrid journals without a transformation agreement authors have to bear the APC for the Open Access Option. The fees for Open Access can therefore vary greatly from publisher to publisher. Please enquire with us at an early stage.

### Green OA

Alternatively, articles published in closed access can be made freely available without a payment barrier in the context of self-archiving on institutional repositories. In this case, the embargo periods of the publishers must be observed, as well as the agreements in the individually concluded publishing contract. The SHERPA/RoMEO database provides initial guidance.



## Diamond OA / Fair Open Access

In order to keep the costs for authors as low as possible while maintaining the high quality of the publishers' work, professional societies, research institutions and universities have joined forces and provide the infrastructure for Fair Open Access or bear the financial costs through memberships and sponsoring.



Tübingen University Library is a supporting member of the Open Library of Humanities (OLH), which enables free quality-assured publishing in almost 30 journals.

Further information on the points mentioned here can be found on our homepage:  
<https://uni-tuebingen.de/en/83177>

We are also happy to answer all your questions personally.

### Attention: predatory publishing

Among the journals that finance themselves through publication fees, there are a few „black sheep“ that provide no or only inadequate publishing services in return for the fees. Not all dubious intentions are apparent at first glance: Journal assume the outward appearance of reputable publishers and provoke deception. Follow the thinkcheck-submit.org checklist to learn to distinguish a trustworthy journal from a black sheep.

