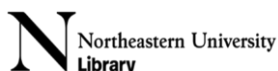


Open Access Publishing FAQ for NU affiliated authors



What kind of funding is available through the Library for NU affiliated authors who want to publish an article and make it open access?

- ❖ The Library has negotiated a [number of open access agreements](#) with publishers that will cover the cost of the APC (article processing charge) in full. The [Library's open access publishing page](#) explains which journals and journal types are covered by these agreements, when they start and end, and the process involved for submitting a manuscript and how to designate that it be published open access.
- ❖ The ***OA publishing page also explains what journals may not be covered currently under an existing agreement.*** For example, the Library's transformative agreement with Springer Nature currently does not cover the APCs for the Nature journals or Springer Nature journals that are already open access. It covers the journals that are in the process of moving to open access, and are known as hybrid subscription journals.
- ❖ The Library has also been able to ***negotiate discounts*** with some publishers who do not currently offer agreements to cover the full APC. For example, the publisher Bioscientifica currently offers a 50% discount for gold open access journals that the Library currently subscribes to.

My article has been accepted for publication by Elsevier, ACS, Wiley, Sage or another publisher with a transformative publishing agreement. How do I get the APC funding from the Library for my article?

- ❖ Directly through the various publisher's manuscript submission and payment system, with the publishers that Northeastern University Library has agreements with. There is no need to request funds directly from the Library. In many cases, such as Wiley, Cambridge University

Press, the American Chemical Society, Sage, Wiley, Elsevier, and Springer, for instance, the Library reviews the APC request, simply to verify the NU affiliation of the corresponding author. **Details for all publishers that the Library has open access agreements** with can be found on the [Open Access Publishing Page](#).

If I am an author of an article, and have an NU affiliation, do I need to be the corresponding author, to receive the APC under the Library's agreements. Can you explain?

- ❖ The agreements that the Library has made with many publishers ask that the **corresponding author** be both affiliated with Northeastern University, **currently**, in Boston, or one of its various campuses, and they are also is the person who handles the manuscript and correspondence during the publication process, including approving the article proofs.

Does the Library maintain a list of all the journals that are offered under the various Open Access agreements?

- ❖ The Library now has a [searchable list of the journals](#) that are part of the various agreements.

When I submit my article, and want it to be open access, should I always use my Northeastern e-mail address?

- ❖ **Remember to always use your Northeastern e-mail address.** The reason for that is that many of the publishers databases identify you by the university affiliation you enter, but many also use a system called [Ringgold, to identify authors and where they are affiliated](#). Northeastern University in Boston, and its various other campuses are known to the publishers the Library has signed agreements with, but if an author from Northeastern University in Shenyang China, asks to have their article made open access, the Ringgold system will not see that author as part of our NU agreement. They may have their own OA agreements, and the Ringgold system helps sort that information out, usually based on our e-mail addresses.

How has the Library been able to afford the open access agreements that you have on the OA publishing page to cover the APCs?

- ❖ The Library has been actively pursuing a “cost – neutral” approach to negotiating with the various publishers it has agreements with. If a publisher that the Library already has journal subscriptions with, offers a reasonable renewal for the journals and also offers the possibility of article processing charges (APCs) for potential authors, the Library has been eager to start a discussion for adding open access agreements.
- ❖ Publishers that have been offering little room for negotiation around journal renewals and high prices for the APCs have not yet been part of the agreements we have formed.

How do I suggest a publisher/or a journal for an open access agreement if I don't see a publisher or journal name on your current page?

- ❖ Agreements for open access with publishers take time to negotiate, but the Library is always willing to try and approach a new publisher where there is no current agreement.
- ❖ Please send an e-mail with your suggestion(s) on publishers and or journals to [Amy Lewontin, Collection Development Librarian](#) or [Evan Simpson, Associate Dean for Experiential Learning & Academic Engagement](#)