

CURIE – Open Access Publishing Pilot Project

The Carleton University Research Impact Endeavour (CURIE) Fund is a pilot project to provide funds for the reimbursement of reasonable article processing fees for articles authored or co-authored by Carleton researchers published in eligible peer-reviewed open access journals for which no alternative funding is available. A one-time contribution of \$50,000 is being given by the Library and the Office of the VP Research, International for this purpose. Funds for subsequent years may be forthcoming depending on demand.

The CURIE fund is being established to encourage Carleton authors to make their works more widely available on the internet and thereby increase the visibility and impact of their research in advancing knowledge and improving the global community. By offering this support to Open Access publishing, the University is not endorsing this kind of publication over other more traditional methods of scholarly communication in relation to academic evaluation. This fund is only one of the ways in which Carleton University supports its own Open Access Policy, and the principles of various international open access initiatives such as [COPE](#) and the [Berlin](#) and [Budapest](#) Declarations, and joins a growing cohort of research intensive universities in offering researchers access to funding for open access and paid access publishing fees not covered by grants or contracts.

CURVE (Carleton University Research Virtual Environment), an open access repository managed by the Library, is another way in which Carleton supports open access by building an accessible “self-archived” collection of Carleton-authored publications. Authors who receive funding via CURIE will be expected to put a copy of the funded article in this repository, subject to the terms of any contract negotiated with the publisher of the open access journal. Authors who publish in traditional subscription based journals are also encouraged, where possible, to deposit a copy of their publications in CURVE.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Who is Eligible?

All Carleton University faculty, post-doctoral fellows, graduate students and full-time professional staff who are named as an author of a research article and who have the lead responsibility for submitting this article to a peer-reviewed Open Access journal or conference proceedings are eligible to apply for CURIE funding. The article must indicate the Carleton affiliation. Only one application can be made per article. Funding will not be made available if any of the authors of the article are eligible for complete reimbursement of the article processing fees for this article through grants from a foundation, granting agency, or other institutions including Carleton.

What is Eligible?

Articles accepted for publication after March 1, 2012 are eligible for this program.

These must be peer-reviewed articles that have been accepted for publication in journals which are fully “Open Access”. That is, all of the content of the entire journal is freely and globally available online immediately upon payment of the article processing fee, with minimal or limited copyright restrictions.

Open Access articles are freely available for redistribution and reuse which means that anyone who has access to the internet may read, download, copy and distribute that article.

In addition, to be eligible, authors must be publishing in a journal which is:

- i) listed in the [Directory of Open Access Journals](#)
- ii) be a member of the [Open Access Scholarly Publishers Association](#) or adhere to its [Code of Conduct](#)
- iii) have a publicly available standard fee schedule
- iv) have a policy to substantially waive fees in case of economic hardship

Are there any limits on the fees?

Yes, there is a cap of \$2500 per article for fully Open Access journals and a cap on any one author of \$5000 per year

Who decides how the CURIE Fund is administered?

The Fund is jointly administered by the Library and the OVPRI through the Scholarly Communications Committee.

Will the CURIE Awards be made public?

Yes, a list of authors and articles funded by CURIE will be published on the University's Open Access website.

Will the CURIE funds be made available permanently?

The pilot project will be evaluated in relation to its contribution to Carleton's strategic, academic and research plans. Continuation of this initiative depends on the outcome of the pilot and the availability of sustainable base funding.

Application Procedures

Applicants should first read all of this document, including the frequently asked questions, and if they are eligible for CURIE funds, should then read the checklist on the CURIE website and complete the [application form](#). The author must provide a link on the form to the publisher's Open Access policies and fees.

Applications may be made immediately upon final acceptance by the publisher. Applications will be reviewed quarterly and applicants will be informed as soon as possible thereafter.

If CURIE funding is approved, the applicant should submit the invoice to the Library CURIE office for payment.