

Gold Open Access

Gold Open Access (Gold OA) is when authors publish in a scholarly journal that makes all of its articles free immediately on the internet. This is different than a traditional journal that charges a reader or institution for access.

How do you find open access journals?

Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ)- www.doaj.org

Funding Models for Open Access (not full list- and new models continue to appear):

- Advertising
- Fundraising
- Institutional Subsidies
- Membership Dues
- Volunteers
- Publishing/Author Fees

Hybrid Open Access

Not to be confused with Gold OA journals. Some traditional journals give the option to authors for them to pay for their particular article to be open access. Publishers receive subscription fees from institutions and individuals who subscribe to the journal, but some of the journal's articles are open access to all.

Be Aware of Predatory Publishers

Vanity publishers are taking advantage of the open access movement. These publishers scour professional email lists, soliciting article submissions for a cost. They could have false-front or non-existent peer review processes.

If you receive an email asking you to publish, make sure you research that publisher, and verify that their name does not appear on Beall's List of Predatory Publishers: <http://scholarlyoa.com/publishers/>

Need Help?

- CURIE Fund (to offset author fees): <http://www.library.carleton.ca/about/projects/scholarly-communications/curie-fund>
- Open Access Guide: <http://www.library.carleton.ca/about/projects/scholarly-communications/open-access>
- Writing for Publication Help Guide: <http://www.library.carleton.ca/help/writing-publication>
- Research Help Contact Information: <http://www.library.carleton.ca/services/research-help>

Writing for Scholarly Journals Series

