

Know Your Options: Traditional vs. Open Access Publishing

There are two main options for academic journal publishing. Both go through the same peer review process. Beyond that, there are some differences.

Traditional/Closed Access Journal

Individuals and libraries are charged fees to access the article. Depending on the contract you sign as an author, you may not be able to distribute copies of your article or post it online.

Open Access (OA) Journal

Open access literature is digital, online, free of charge, and free of most copyright and licensing restrictions. All of the articles in an open access journal are free on the internet immediately upon publication.

Two main types of Open Access

1. Gold Route- Journals make all of their articles free online
2. Green Route- Authors publish in any journal, but make a draft of the article available in an institutional repository

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.

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