

Open Access Cheatsheet



Type Diamond Choose Diamond if there is a high-quality journal in your field. Gold (with APCS)

Description

Evaluation

Positive: Free and immediate

dissemination of knowledge.

Creating high-quality diamond OA

journals that are independent from

commercial publishers is the current

Choose your preprint server:

oa.finder: finder.openaccess.network

Get information about OA type, APCs and funding options for journals.

OA Resources

(Gold without APCS)

Free to publish Authors retain rights to their work

Free to read

Commercial

SSRN

vs.

non-profit

zenodo

arXiv

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openpolicyfinder.jisc.ac.uk/ Get information about what rights you

Positive if the APC/BPCs are transparently

Pre prints.org keep when publishing at a journal.

Choose gold if APCs are justified and ask your library if there is OA funding.

Free to read

Pay to publish

Author Processing Charges (APCs) range from €100 to over €10,000 for articles, and up to €20,000 for books.

justified and the amount is justified (e.g. costs of several hundred Euros to finance a non-profit organization and pay for the type setting).

Open APC:

treemaps.openapc.net/apcdata /openapc/publisher#/period=

Browse costs of open access by period, institution, and publisher.

Green

Go for green if your article has been published in a closed access journal first.

Free to read and free to publish

- Can be used with closed or open
- Authors can share their version (e.g. preprint, repository, website)
- Check version rights: openpolicyfinder.jisc.ac.uk

Positive if the published version can be republished (same page, easy to cite); often only allowed for accepted versions or after an embargo. Green OA is a good short-term strategy to complement closed access at no extra cost.

OA monitor: open-access-

monitor.de

Explore prevalence of business models over time and by institution.

Hybrid

Try to avoid hybrid - if you have no choice, only go for the OA option if there is funding.

Pay to publish

- Pay to read (e.g., via subscription model)
- Authors can decide for each article if they want to publish it as free to read against a fee

Negative due to "double dipping" universities then pay twice: for subscription (=read access) + open access.

Learn more





OA at University of Münster:

uni.ms/openaccess

Explore OA offerings, statements, and go Open Access.

B!SON: service.tib.eu/bison

Find a suitable OA journal based on semantic and bibliometric methods

Closed

Try to avoid closed. If needed, complement it with green.

Free to publish

Pay to read (e.g., via subscription model)

Negative: Research is often publicly funded and should be accessible to all. Authors are encouraged to also publish their version as Green Open Access..

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