

The AAS Open Access Publishing Sanctions

The AAS has long appreciated the limitation of scientists and technologists in accessing recent research findings in journals, as well as reference materials and databases which usually need subscription to access. The AAS recounts the call by the InterAcademy Council (IAC) in 2003 on The InterAcademy Panel (IAP), International Council for Science (ICSU), UNESCO, World Bank, regional development banks, and foundations to promote the availability of professional journals and textbooks on the worldwide web for free, or at modest cost, to scientists and engineers from developing nations.

Policy Statement

1. The AAS supports open and unrestricted access to the published output of its funded research. In doing so, the AAS will provide grant holders with additional funding to cover open access charges, in order to meet our requirements and those of our local and global funder partners.

Expectations of the Grantholder

2. The grant holder should:
 - Maximise the opportunities to make their results available for free through open access publishing
 - Ensure electronic copies of any research papers that have been accepted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal, and are supported in whole or in part by AAS/AESA, are made available through relevant and suitable repositories as soon as possible and, in any event, within six months of the journal publisher's official date of final publication; this requirement applies to all grants regardless of award date.
 - License research papers such that they may be freely copied and re-used (for example, for text and data-mining purposes), provided that such uses are fully attributed; this applies in all cases where open access fee are paid by the AAS.

Funding Open Access Costs

3. AAS/AESA will fund the costs of depositing research papers in recognized and appropriate repositories. Open access charges must not be requested upfront on application forms.

If you have any questions regarding any of the AAS policies, please write to grants@aasciences.ac.ke.