

OPINION Open Access Support Policy Guidelines

OPINION offers a (limited) fund for supporting Open Access publications that emerge from the network.

To be eligible, a publication needs to meet OPINION's criteria for network publications (i.e., either 'centripetal' publications that emerge from the work of the WGs; or 'centrifugal' publications authored by at least three members, based at different institutions, thematically relevant to OPINION and endorsed by at least one WG). Open Access support is conditional upon independent peer review (i.e., publications that are not peer-reviewed or where the reviewing is handled solely by affiliated authors are ineligible).

Given limited budget, we must insist that if you have other ways of covering Open Access fees, you do so. By applying for OPINION OA support, you declare that you have no other means of funding these expenses.

For any OPINION-affiliated publication, please note the following:

- Please check if there are any institutional discount deals for open access publication that you can use: Many institutions have deals with major publishers that entitle any publications (co-)authored by affiliated members to much lowered fees; sometimes, it is enough to have an author based at an institution that has such a deal (so check for all authors); sometimes, to qualify for the discount, the author whose institution has the discount deal needs to be the person who handles the submission, or act as contact author. Please consider your choice of journal in light of available deals (obviously, you are not expected to choose less relevant journals, but if there is a similarly relevant alternative for which there is a discount, please consider this option), and make use of any deals that you can to cut costs. Always consider publishing in true Open Access journals that do not charge for Open Access. **IMPORTANT:** Never change your author sequence to accommodate discount deals. Use only deals that you can use without changing your paper and its author sequence.
- Please notify the network of your publication due to be submitted, by posting its title, authors, and abstract on the #outcomes Slack channel. Please feel invited to already share your preprint (e.g., attach the file, share a link), so others need not wait to make use of your work.

If you intend to apply for OA funding support, please announce so already at this stage by responding to your post on Slack with a comment that states that you intend to apply if accepted, quoting an estimate (or estimate range, if you are considering multiple journals or publishers) of likely costs.

To apply:

Once you have received a positive editorial decision indicating that there may be a path for you towards publication (e.g., invitations to revise and resubmit), please email the following information to Christian Baden (c.baden@mail.huji.ac.il):

- The editorial decision
- The manuscript in its current form
- For centrifugal publications, your confirmation of endorsement by an OPINION Working Group
- A brief note on the expected charges for Open Access at the relevant publication, mentioning any discounts that are making use of.
- A brief justification (< 150 words) why you believe that it is important for the network to support Open Access for your publication

OPINION aims to support 'centripetal' publications by its WGs as much as possible.

Priority will be given to high-impact publications addressing international audiences (e.g., in international journals, with major book publishers).

We aim to make a decision on whether we will be able to support Open Access for your publication (if and once accepted) within two weeks of receipt of this information. OPINION aims to cover the full Open Access costs whenever possible, up to a limit of 2500 EUR, but may decide to grant partial support if budgetary constraints require.

Open Access funding is conditional on your manuscript getting accepted. If you get rejected at a later stage, and you try again at a different venue, you need to apply again.

Once you are accepted, please email your notification of acceptance, the invoice for Open Access charges, and the final manuscript to Christian Baden (c.baden@mail.huji.ac.il). Disbursement of the support may take a few weeks, so please make sure that you have a way to pay for Open Access in the event that this happens only after you are charged by the publisher. Once available, proof of the final Open Access publication must be provided.