

A Very Brief Look at the University of Calgary Open Access Authors Fund

Open Access Advocacy: Getting From
Understanding to Engagement
Canadian Library Association National Conference
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Some Background

- Fund started in fiscal year 2008/2009
- 1st author fund in Canada, 6th in the world
- Is a program of Libraries and Cultural Resources (LCR)
- Part of a suite of OA-related program in LCR
- \$100,000 for each of first five years, \$150,000 for 2013/2014
- All the money comes from LCR

Some Background (cont.)

- Open to U of C faculty, staff, grad students, postdocs, adjunct faculty
- Authors must turn to grants first
- Will cover all fully OA journals and some hybrid OA journals
- No limit on the number of times an author can apply or be funded
- No limit on the amount paid
- U of C criteria is probably the most liberal among author funds

Some Stats

- Fund has paid for 417 articles
- Total amount paid is about \$570,000 CAN
- Highest APC paid=\$3416 CAN
- Lowest APC paid=\$150 CAN
- Average amount paid=\$1368 CAN
- Dealt with 30 different publishers
 - Top 3 publishers: BioMed Central (BMC)=226 articles; Hindawi=92 articles; Public Library of Science (PLoS)=33 articles

Some Stats (cont.)

- Fund has paid for articles in 195 different journals
 - Top 3 journals: PLoS One=27 articles; BMC Health Services Research=19 articles; BMC Public Health=16 articles
- 258 different submitting authors have been covered
 - Mostly from biomed (broadly defined) but also from a wide variety of other disciplines
 - Most-funded author has 9 articles; next highest has 8 articles

Some Thoughts

- Keep things simple for all involved
- Tie the Fund to related programs and services
- Growth of the Fund
- OA monographs/monograph chapters and the Fund
- The “collection perspective”
- We can do more
- The Fund has fans

Some URLs

- University of Calgary: www.ucalgary.ca
- Libraries and Cultural Resources (LCR): lcr.ucalgary.ca
- Open Access Authors Fund: library.ucalgary.ca/open-access-authors-fund

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