

# Five Years (Almost) of the University of Calgary Open Access Authors Fund

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# What We're Going To Look At

- Information about the Fund
- Some numbers
- Some issues

# Information About The Fund

- Began fiscal year 2008/2009
- 1<sup>st</sup> in Canada, 6<sup>th</sup> in the world
- \$100,000 CAN, all from Libraries and Cultural Resources (LCR)
- Criteria for authors
  - U of C faculty, staff, grad students, post-docs, adjuncts
  - Have to turn to grants first
- Criteria for publishers/journals
  - Fully OA journals
  - Hybrid OA journals if subscription costs are lowered

# Information About The Fund (cont.)

- Articles need to be accepted for publication
- Ask if articles can be put in the IR
- Ask if we can use articles for promotional purposes
- Have some deals with publishers e.g BMC, Hindawi, Royal Society
- User reaction very positive

# Some Numbers

- 311 formal submissions to the Fund
- 290 articles accepted
- 18 publishers represented
  - Top 3: BMC (169), Hindawi (65), PLoS (21)
- 141 journals covered
  - Top 2: PLoS One (16), BMC health services research (11)
- 198 submitting authors
  - 2 with 8 covered articles, 2 with 5

# Some Numbers (cont.)

- Average payment per article=\$1370
- Highest payment=\$3416 (PLoS biology)
- Lowest payment=\$150 (Acta Crystallographica Section E - Structure Reports Online)

# Some Issues

# The University Of Calgary Open Access Suite

- Institutional repository: [dspace.ucalgary.ca](https://dspace.ucalgary.ca)
- University of Calgary Press: [uofcpress.com](https://uofcpress.com)
- Synergies: [www.synergiesprairies.ca](https://www.synergiesprairies.ca)
- Digitization: [www.ucalgary.ca/digitalinitiatives](https://www.ucalgary.ca/digitalinitiatives)
- Open Access Authors Fund:  
[library.ucalgary.ca/services/-faculty/open-access/open-access-authors-fund-0](https://library.ucalgary.ca/services/-faculty/open-access/open-access-authors-fund-0)

# Questions? Discussion?



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