

# Training Thursday – Open Access Authors Fund

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- A brief Open Access (OA) refresher
- Background
- Some statistics
- Criteria
- How to use the Open Access Authors Fund (OAAF)
- The future

## What We're Going To Cover

- Open Access content is material that is freely accessible on the World Wide Web
- If you can get to the Web, you can get to OA content
- No toll barriers such as subscriptions or pay-per-view/pay-per-use fees
- Don't have to be associated with an institution with a subscription

## OA Refresher - What Is Open Access?

- “Green” road
  - Deposition in Open Access repositories (OARs)
  - There are institutional and subject repositories
- “Gold” road
  - OA publishing, akin to the “regular” publishing world
  - Can be fully OA or hybrid OA
  - This is what the Open Access Authors Fund deals with

## OA Refresher - The Two Roads Of Open Access

- Pays article processing charges (APCs) for articles written by U of C authors publishing in OA journals that use the APC model
- Started in 2008
- Now in 6<sup>th</sup> year of operation
- 1<sup>st</sup> OA author fund in Canada, 6<sup>th</sup> in the world, 5<sup>th</sup> oldest
- About 80 funds in the world, 5 in Canada
- \$100,000 for years 1-5
- \$150,000 for 2013/2014
- No limits on amount paid
- No limits on number of submissions to the OAAF
- One of several OA-related services and programs in the LCR Center for Scholarly Communication

## Background

- 439 accepted articles
- \$600,000 spent
- \$1373 per article average
- APC Range: \$150-\$3020
- 27 different publishers; top three are BioMed Central (BMC), Hindawi, and Public Library of Science (PLoS)
- 202 different journals; top three are PLoS One, BMC Health Services Research, and BMC Public Health
- 294 different authors, mostly from biomed

## Some Statistics

- There are two sets of criteria, for authors and for journals/publishers
- Authors:
  - Must be U of C faculty, staff, grad students, postdocs (or the equivalent)
  - Must use available grant funds to pay APCs before turning to the OAAF
- Journals/Publishers:
  - OAAF will pay APCs for articles in fully OA journals
  - OAAF will pay APCs for articles in hybrid OA journals only where the publisher reduces subscription costs in response to the take-up of their hybrid OA program

## Criteria

- For most journals/publishers, authors with an article accepted for publication need to complete the application form for the OAAF
- Application is judged against the Fund criteria
- If the Fund can cover the APC, LCR pays the invoice on behalf of the author
- No reimbursements, if possible

## How To Use The OAAF



- For BMC and Hindawi, authors submit first, then complete the form
- Articles are paid for out an account set up with the publisher (BMC) or are pre-paid (Hindawi)
- Arrangements with other publishers e.g. 25% APC discount with Royal Society, APC tokens with Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC)
- Looking at arrangements with Sage, Wiley, and IEEE

## How To Use The OAAF – pt. 2

- Deposition of funded articles in the U of C institutional repository is encouraged
- Questions about submitting to the OAAF are very welcome – feel free to contact Andrew anytime

## How To Use The OAAF – pt. 3

- Revamp the OAAF webpages
- Revamp the form
- Non-journal OA content
- Tri-Council OA mandate
- Spreading the word
- Open Access Week 2013, October 21-27

**The Future**

- Peter Suber's Open Access overview:  
<http://www.earlham.edu/~peters/fos/overview.htm>
- Peter Suber's Very Brief Introduction to Open Access:  
<http://www.earlham.edu/~peters/fos/brief.htm>
- Open Access Directory:  
[http://oad.simmons.edu/oadwiki/Main\\_Page](http://oad.simmons.edu/oadwiki/Main_Page)
- Open Access Authors Fund:  
<http://library.ucalgary.ca/open-access-authors-fund>
- Open Access Authors Fund application form:  
<http://library.ucalgary.ca/forms/open-access-authors-fund>

## Some Resources

- Center for Scholarly Communication:  
<http://www.ucalgary.ca/scholarlycommunication/>
- University of Calgary institutional repository: <https://dspace.ucalgary.ca/>
- Open Access Week:  
<http://www.openaccessweek.org/>



# Questions? Discussion?

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