Publisher Open Access Agreements

Existing publishing agreements give UR members who act as corresponding authors the opportunity to publish certain types of articles in certain journals free of charge or for a discounted open access fee.

For the assignment of manuscripts to the UR, please refer to the “Conditions” tab above and the publisher-specific stipulations in this document.

Please also note that we have no control over the information regarding coverage of costs on the publishers' websites, and that this information does not necessarily accurately reflect the institution's internal policies!

Where publication is not free of charge, this also applies to articles from publishing agreements: **Funding from the publication fund is currently available for amounts up to 2000€ for invoices received in 2026. For future submissions, please check our main page and/or contact us!**

In most cases, the invoice is sent directly to the university library, which automatically checks for formal correctness, possible lack of assignment to a publishing agreement, and eligibility for funding. We will then ask the corresponding author to provide us with a cost center from which the (remaining) publication fees may be deducted, and we will handle the accounting.

If you have any questions, you can contact us at any time!

(as of October 2026)

Existing publisher agreements

American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS):

American Physiological Society (APS):

Association for Computing Machinery (ACM):

American Chemical Society (ACS):

African Studies and International Development-Kollektion:

American Society for Microbiology (ASM):

Annual Reviews:

Biochemical Society Journals - Portland Press:

BMJ British Medical Journals

Cambridge Journals Online

Company of Biologists

De Gruyter

Elsevier

Emerald

EMS Journals

Frontiers

Hindawi

Hogrefe: PsyJournals

IOP

Karger

KOALA

Mathematical Sciences Publishers (MSP)

MDPI

Microbiology Society

Nature

Open Book Publishers

Open Library Economics - OLEcon

Open Library of Humanities

PNAS

The Royal Society (publishing) (London)

Rockefeller University Press

SAGE

Scipost

Scoap3

Springer

Transcript Open Library

Wiley

American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS):

Science Advances (fully OA journal): 2020-2026 15% discount on APCs (meaning $4,632.50 in 2026 instead of the list price APC of $5,450). To do this, open the “Apply Discounts” field in the CCC RightsLink payment portal under “charges” and “total due” and select the UR there.

UR Funding: If the open access publication costs exceed our grant amount or if the journal is not listed in DOAJ, the university will bill the corresponding author internally.

American Physiological Society (APS):

The library will support the publisher's Subscribe to Open model from 2025, so there will be no OA fees for UR authors (and for all other authors if there is sufficient support).

Association for Computing Machinery (ACM):

hybrid journals: 2021-2026 free OA publication in all "APC-eligible publications" (also includes certain conference proceedings). This list and workflow instructions are available to the library. Publisher e-mails to authorized authors. (use university email-domain!)
You can find authorized article types here and author information here.

American Chemical Society (ACS):

Acceptance date from 2024 to 2026: Neither the university nor the corresponding author will be charged OA publication fees for articles in hybrid journals and also in ACS Omega, ACS Central Science, ACS Au family. There may be waivers for the other 5 fully OA journals, see https://acsopenscience.org/customers/bbws-consortium/. The eligible article types vary from journal to journal. The main affiliation of the submitting corresponding author at the time of submission is the determining factor. Information to eligible submitting corresponding authors is provided by the publisher. See also https://acsopenscience.org/institutions/read-and-publish/#publish.

African Studies and International Development-Kollektion:

The University Library of Regensburg supports the financing of the e-book package "African Studies and International Development Collection" by Bloomsbury in 2025, so that selected titles can be freely accessible without author and reader fees.

American Society for Microbiology (ASM):

The library supports the publisher's Subscribe to Open model for 2025-2028, meaning that individual volumes of the six S2O journals Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy, Applied and Environmental Microbiology, Infection and Immunity, Journal of Bacteriology, Journal of Clinical Microbiology, and Journal of Virology can be made open access with sufficient additional support, without authors incurring OA fees (APCs).

Even if there are not enough additional participants and a volume is therefore not made OA, UR members will still have access to read it. In addition, articles by corresponding authors from UR will still be made open access.

However, ASM generally applies page charges and supplemental material fees regardless of this. Corresponding UR authors receive a 25% discount on these fees, see https://journals.asm.org/publication-fees (prices applicable to us: “S2O subscribing rates”). Further discounts are available with a personal membership: https://asm.org/membership. These fees are not subsidized by the publication fund.

For more information, visit https://journals.asm.org/s2o and https://journals.asm.org/s2o-author-faq#benefits-for-authors.

Annual Reviews:

The library supports the publisher's Subscribe to Open model, so that individual journal volumes can be made open access without incurring author fees if there is sufficient additional support.

Biochemical Society Journals - Portland Press:

2025-2026: The library supports the publisher's Subscribe to Open model, so that individual journal volumes can be made open access without incurring author fees if sufficient additional support is provided.
Specifically, this agreement applies to our researchers: “Free and unlimited publication services (= OA articles under CC-BY license) for Corresponding Authors, regardless of whether the respective journal is published in Open Access in the respective year or not.”
The following applies to fully OA journals: “Free and unlimited publication services for corresponding authors included.”

BMJ British Medical Journals

extended until the end of 2027:
hybrid journals: free OA publishing of "original research articles" in the standard journal collection (does not include "The BMJ). The acceptance date is determining.

pure OA journals: 15% discount on APCs (if there is still credit on our deposit. The costs will be deducted from our deposit, then charged uni-internally, if the open access publication costs exceed our grant amount or if the journal is not listed in DOAJ.

More information and list of journals at https://authors.bmj.com/open-access-germany.

Cambridge Journals Online

2022-2027: articles in hybrid and pure OA journals free of charge and unlimited. This means that neither the university nor the author is charged OA publication fees. Page charges do not apply to OA publications.

Possible article types: research articles, review articles, rapid communications, brief reports, case reports. Only few journals do not yet offer the OA option. However, from 2025 onwards, some journals will only allow open access for “research content” (see https://www.cambridge.org/core/services/open-research/open-access-journal-flips). Publisher information/eligible journals, etc. can be found under “Eligibility checker” at https://www.cambridge.org/core/eligibility-checker#waiversProductDataInner.

Company of Biologists

2024-2027: free OA publication of research articles in the 3 hybrid and the 2 pure OA journals (Five-journal package) of the non-for-profit-publisher. See author assistance at https://www.biologists.com/library-hub/read-publish/guide-for-authors/.

De Gruyter

agreement on ebooks:
The Regensburg University Library supports the financing of an e-book package from the field of history (from 2024) and Millennium Studies (2023-26) so that selected titles can be freely accessible without author and reader fees.

agreement on journals: 2023-2027: “Konvolut Wirtschaft”
All information on the journal agreement and the list of hybrid journals with a free OA option can be found at https://www.degruyterbrill.com/publishing/fuer-autoren/zeitschriftenautoren/open-access/open-access-vereinbarungen?lang=de under “Germany: Economics Journals” or available by email to oa@ur.de.

Submission with UR email address required.

hybrid journals:
- Free OA option in certain economics journals (see link above) for corresponding authors (defined here as the author who signs the publication agreement) affiliated with UR
- In addition to research articles, other types of articles such as book reviews are also covered by the agreement. The date of acceptance is decisive. Eligible authors will be identified and notified by the publisher.
- 2026: In the current 6 journals in which OA publication is not possible, authors from authorized institutions are entitled, at no additional cost, to deposit their articles published in the licensed journals in the form published by the publisher immediately after publication and without embargo in an (institutional, discipline-specific, non-commercial) repository of their choice immediately after publication and without embargo, thus making them accessible in OA.

- 2027: Authors from authorized institutions are entitled, at no additional cost, to deposit their articles published in licensed journals - in the form published by the publisher - immediately upon publication and without an embargo into an (institutional, discipline-specific, non-commercial) repository of their choice, thereby making them available as open access.

Additionally:
The library supports the publisher's Subscribe to Open model, which means that individual volumes of journals marked “S2O” can be made open access if sufficient additional support is provided, without authors having to pay fees. If the threshold is not reached, none of the articles will be made open access. The publisher also refers to its secondary publication policy https://www.degruyterbrill.com/publishing/fuer-autoren/fuer-journal-autoren/sharing-your-work.

Elsevier

Change effective from submission date September 1, 2025: **Author share per publication also applies to normal hybrid journals – regardless of OA!** For details see webpage section “Author share at Springer, Wiley and Elsevier”!

Publisher-specific criteria for assigning the article to the UR (resulting in centralized processing, OA option in hybrid journals at no additional cost, discounted fees in pure OA journals):

- submitting corresponding author and their main affiliation is crucial (see also tab "Conditions")
- articles accepted from 2025-2027 (possibly extended until 2028)
- included journals: Cell Press and Lancet-Journals; An overview of the titles included and not included can be found here. Cell Press and The Lancet journals are marked there (currently in column “bucket”) with “CP/TL hybrid” and “CP/TL Gold” accordingly.
- article types: all article types that are subject to peer review and for which Elsevier charges an OA fee (Labels: Full Length Articles; Review Articles; Case Reports; Data in Brief; Microarticle; Original Software Publication; Protocol; Replication Study; Short Communication; Short Survey; Video Article); no support of submission/colour charges etc.

Further Information:

- Fully-OA-Journals: 20% discount on list prices of Elsevier Fully Gold Open Access-journals (“Core Gold”) and 15% discount on list prices of Fully Gold Cell Press and The Lancet-journals („CP/TL Gold“).
- If the publication fee (plus VAT) exceeds our subsidy (2000€ for invoices received in 2026), we ask the corresponding author to provide a cost center: for fully OA journals, upon receipt of the consolidated invoice (which is issued several months after publication); for hybrid journals, immediately upon acceptance. For “standard” (hybrid) journals, the previous cost-sharing arrangement between the University Library and the corresponding author remains in effect.
- The publication fee charged by Elsevier changes annually and depends on the date of acceptance for hybrid journals and the date of submission for fully OA journals.
- Please note that the university will be charged for assigned articles under this agreement even if you decide against OA in the hybrid journals. Therefore, you should definitely use the OA option! We recommend the CC-BY license.
- Procedure: After acceptance and link from the publisher, the submitting corresponding author indicates in the author portal (for Elsevier: „Complete the Rights and Access form”, then „Corresponding Author´s Organization“) where the publication originated. If necessary, select "University (hospital) Regensburg" instead of Institute xy, otherwise the DEAL assignment may

be missing.
(No free-text entry.)
If the article was primarily produced at another institution and your first affiliation in the article is therefore NOT the UR, please select the other institution here so that the article is not billed through the UR. If the article is assigned to the UR but the UR is not your first affiliation in the article, we will pass on the full publication costs to you.
If the institution, journal and article type are DEAL-eligible, the reference to DEAL, the central invoice processing and the possible partial or full assumption of costs by the institution will now appear in the section “publishing options”. (Authoring process flow: see DEAL Author-journey german, english, video). Please note that we have no control over this text regarding coverage of costs, and it may not accurately reflect the institution's internal policies!

- If there is no mention of DEAL and costs are displayed instead, you will be responsible for paying them in full. In this case, we recommend taking advantage of the free option for secondary publication. Other publication fees, such as page, color, or submission charges, generally cannot be covered by central funds.

Relevant links:

- Elsevier's DEAL information
- DEAL-Website
- list of journals

Emerald

2026/2027: hybrid journals: free OA publication in journals included in our bundle „Management eJournal Portfolio“ (journal list can be accessed via University Library). Valid for all article types. Acceptance date is decisive.

Procedure: The UR must be selected from a drop-down menu upon submission and, as usual, must be listed as the first/primary affiliation in the article. Eligible corresponding authors will be identified upon acceptance of their article based on their institution‘s Ringgold-ID (UR: 9147, UKR: 39070) or their institutional email domain. They will be informed about the agreement and then given the opportunity to redeem a voucher for their OA publication. (For screenshots please reach out to us.)

EMS Journals

The library supports the publisher's Subscribe to Open model so that individual journal volumes can be made open access without incurring author fees if there is sufficient additional support. In 2024/2025, this will be the case for all 22 Subscribe to Open journals. Together with the 4 Diamond OA journals, the entire EMS Press journal portfolio will therefore be Open Access in 2024/2025.

Starting in 2026, the University Library will support the “Launch to Open” initiative, which is based on the “Subscribe to Open” model but provides transparency regarding costs and revenue.

Frontiers

pure OA journals: From submission date 01.08.2023: 10% discount on APCs. 2027-2029: 15% discount.
In the payment process, select "Choose payer: Frontiers institutional members: Universität Regensburg" (instead of "individual payer") in the publishing portal.

UR Funding: If the open access publication costs exceed our grant amount or if the journal is not listed in DOAJ, the university will bill the corresponding author internally.

Hindawi

Hindawi was acquired by Wiley in 2022. Thus, these publication fees will be charged in a later DEAL total invoice with the UB and then internally with the researchers.

20% discount on APCs except for the following journals: Australian Journal of Grape and Wine Research, Genetics Research, Global Health, Epidemiology and Genomics, Journal of Smoking Cessation, Laser and Particle Beams, Wireless Power Transfer, Mental Illness, Advanced Gut & Microbiome Research, Adsorption Science & Technology, International Journal of Distributed Sensor Networks, Journal of the Renin-Angiotensin-Aldosterone System, Molecular Imaging.
Only one Corresponding Author is possible. This eligible author must submit and correctly select the affiliation.

UR Funding: If the open access publication costs exceed our grant amount or if the journal is not listed in DOAJ, the university will bill the corresponding author internally.

Hogrefe: PsyJournals

2024-2027: hybrid journals: free OA publication of research papers. The publisher is responsible for assigning eligible publications and for identifying and notifying eligible researchers.

pure OA journals: 25 % discount on APCs. For more information see FAQs. UR Funding: If the open access publication costs exceed our grant amount or if the journal is not listed in DOAJ, the university will bill the corresponding author internally.

IOP

2022-2025: unlimited free publication opportunity of all "research article types" (including "research papers", "special issue articles", "letters" and "review articles") in hybrid and pure OA journals (title list: https://tib.eu/cloud/s/R6ytqHw72BeJmXp and https://tib.eu/cloud/s/98xG3KS7BPeR9W3). ECS journals are not included. Neither the university nor the author is charged OA publication fees (page charges etc. remain unaffected).
Note: unlike other publishers, IOP recommends that you check "Open Access Choice? No" in the submission process for hybrid journals, so that the author does not have to pay personally if the article is not eligible for free OA. The publisher will contact all eligible authors (if the 1st affiliation of the corresponding author is UR/UKR!). The authors then only have to sign the Open Access copyright form.

Publisher info at https://ioppublishing.org/.

Acceptance date in 2026-2028: unlimited free OA publishing
of all "primary research articles including research papers, special issue articles and letters“ and „Review articles“ (not in “Reports on Progress in Physics”)
in the journals included in the following lists (no matter if hybrid or fully OA journals):
List A: Journals included in all Transformative Agreements
List B: Society journals
List D: Fully Open Access (Gold) journals
(NOT INCLUDED is list C: The Electrochemical Society (ECS) Journals including “ECS Journal of Solid State Science and Technology” and “Journal of the Electrochemical Society”)
See also https://publishingsupport.iopscience.iop.org/questions/eligible-journals-transformative-agreements/

IOP informs all eligible corresponding authors. Corresponding authors will be eligible if the UR is their primary affiliation at the point of submission and used as such in the submission system.
Workflow/Author Guide: https://publishingsupport.iopscience.iop.org/questions/submit-under-a-transformative-agreement-guide/

Karger

Acceptance date in 2024-2026: The library supports the publisher's Subscribe to Open model, so that individual journal volumes can be made open access without incurring author fees if there is sufficient additional support.
hybrid journals: Terms for free OA option:

- Article types: case report, data report, meta-analysis, methods article, research article, review article, systematic review (not relevant: abstract, article commentary, book review, brief report, correction , discussion, editorial, guideline, introduction, letter, meeting report, news, obituary, other, reply, retraction)
- Karger Compass journals do not include relevant article types for hybrid publishing
- Invited articles may become freely accessible anyway (but without CC licenses). An additional OA position is usually also possible for the author free of charge, but causes costs for the University Library.
- Proceed according to guidance.

For more information see https://www.karger.com/OpenAccess/Funding-and-Open-Access-Agreements

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KOALA

University Library of Regensburg supports project Koala financially, so that periodicals in the field of media and social sciences (2023-2028), mathematics and computer science (2024-2026) and quantum physics (2024-2026) can be published open access without author fees.

Mathematical Sciences Publishers (MSP)

The library supports the Subscribe to Open model of the publisher 2025, so that individual volumes of certain journals can be made OA with sufficient additional participation and no OA fees are incurred for UR authors.

MDPI

2025/2026: 30 % discount on APCs for articles assigned to UR, 15% discount from 2027 onwards

UR Funding: If the open access publication costs exceed our grant amount or if the journal is not listed in DOAJ, the university will bill the corresponding author internally.

Microbiology Society

2025-2026: free OA publication in the hybrid journals (Journal of General Virology, Journal of Medical Microbiology, International Journal of Systematic and Evolutionary Microbiology) and the pure OA journals (Microbial Genomics, Microbiology) as well as on the research platform (Access Microbiology) of the non-profit publisher. Submission with UR e-mail address required!

Nature

2025: In addition to the DEAL agreement with Springer Nature, which excludes “nature branded” journals (journals with “Nature” in the title), the UR 2025 is participating in the “Nature Journals” agreement.
Here, Corresponding Authors of participating institutions can publish free of charge in the journal “Nature” and in the hybrid Nature-branded research journals under a CC-BY license. Eligible journals are marked with a “Y” in the “Nature OA Publishing” column in the list: “Reviews journals” and ‘Nature Protocols’ are excluded. All “Research Articles” are covered, i.e. articles of the type: OriginalPaper, Analysis, Article, Letter, Brief Communication, Registered Report, Resource and Technical Reports. Further information including author guide and list of authorized journals can be found here.

Open Book Publishers

The non-profit platform OBP publishes OA monographs of the humanities and is also financially supported by the University Library in 2026 for this purpose. It therefore offers discounts to customers with an UR IP address on the parallel print versions, which are subject to a fee. In addition, the EPUB formats can also be downloaded free of charge with an UR IP address. There will still be fees for publishing.

Open Library Economics - OLEcon

The University Library supports the “Open Library Economics – OLEcon” initiative, which enables certain journals (https://olecon.zbw.eu/en/supported-journals) in economics and business management to be published in open access without charging reader or author fees.

Open Library of Humanities

The OLH non-for-profit-platform publishes publications of the humanities in its approximately 30 OA journals without author or reader fees and is also financially supported by University Library for this purpose.

PNAS

hybrid journals: 2025-2026 discounted APCs for immediate OA option. Otherwise the item will be OA after 6 months when paying minor fees. For reference: https://www.pnas.org/author-center/publication-charges. No UR funding available.

The Royal Society (publishing) (London)

Fully OA journals: for submission dates from May 2026 to April 2027 25% discount on APC.
Eligible journals: "Royal Society Open Science" and "Open Biology". Allocation based on UR email address or Ringold-ID (UR: 9147, UKR 39070).

Other journals get published under the Subscribe to Open model, so there will be no costs to authors for OA publishing (at least) in 2026

For information see https://royalsociety.org/journals/open-access/#s2o

Rockefeller University Press

hybrid journals: 2024-2026 and in 2027 (maybe until 2029) free OA option in Journal of Cell Biology (JCB), Journal of Experimental Medicine (JEM) und Journal of General Physiology (JGP).

fully OA journals: from 2027 consortium members will also receive a 5% discount on article processing charges (APCs) for the two open-access journals co-published by Rockefeller University Press: Journal of Human Immunity (JHI) and Life Science Alliance (LSA).

SAGE

hybrid journals:
2021-2026 (date of acceptance decisive): free OA option for corresponding authors of UR in most Sage journals (we have the “Premier (complete) package”). Exceptions include journals in the “Royal Society of Medicine (RSM)” and “Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE)” packages, as well as the Mary Ann Liebert imprint (journal lists available via UBR).
Eligible document types: original research papers, review papers, brief communications, short reports, and case reports.
If the article is eligible, SAGE will indicate this after acceptance.

Fully OA journals:
2021-2026 20% discount (automatic based on institutional affiliation. Individual journals, especially Mary Ann Liebert, are excluded from the discount.)
UR Funding: If the open access publication costs exceed our grant amount or if the journal is not listed in DOAJ, the university will bill the corresponding author internally.

For reference see homepage of the publisher https://us.sagepub.com/en-us/nam/open-access-agreements-at-sage/germany. And list of fully OA journals https://www.sagepub.com/docs/default-source/rp-pages/info-for-authors/oa-agreements/eligible-journals/gold_discount_eligibility_list_2025_-_oa_sales_agreementsrp.xlsx?sfvrsn=eaa1971_4.

Scipost

The University Library of Regensburg supports the scientific publication platform SciPost financially, because it stands for "real" Open Access: non profit, neither author nor reader fees, copyrights remain with the authors, academic editing, open infrastructure, open access, open finances, open citations.

Scoap3

The Regensburg University Library financially supports the journals of the Scoap3 project so that they can be published open access without author fees.

Springer

Change effective from submission date September 1, 2025: **Author share per publication also applies to hybrid journals – regardless of OA!** For details see webpage section “Author share at Springer, Wiley and Elsevier”!

Publisher-specific criteria for assigning the article to the UR (resulting in centralized processing, OA option in hybrid journals at no additional cost, discounted fees in pure OA journals).

Hybrid journals:

- Only for journals under the Springer brand, not for journals under the Nature brand.
- Articles accepted in 2020-23 and from 2024 onwards
- Article Types: Original Papers, Review Papers, Brief Communications, Editorial Notes, Book Reviews, Letters, Reports (in specialty journals, only research articles submitted without prior invitation - i.e., original paper, review paper, brief communication - are accepted)
- In the case of medical specialty journals (Facharztzeitschriften), it often happens that a publisher deems an article ineligible (e.g., following a prior call for papers) and the OA option is not included! "Only Research Articles which are not requested and actively editorially managed as part of the editorial program planning, shall be deemed Eligible Articles." "Invited Reviews and Brief Communications in Springer Medizin journals are not included."
  Any publication costs that may arise (e.g., for optional open access) would be your full responsibility. In such cases, we recommend taking advantage of the free secondary publication option instead.
- no acceptance of color charges etc.
- Process/Assignment Criteria:
  - Once the publisher has accepted the article, the corresponding author receives an email with a link to the publication agreement (“Author Journey” or “Publishing and Rights”).
  - There, the costs are displayed at the beginning along with a note regarding possible agreements.
  - Articles are assigned to the UR under the DEAL agreement if:
    - the responsible corresponding author selects the UR/UKR as their primary place of origin from the corresponding drop-down menu (no manual entry) or the affiliations/IP/email address points to the UR
      (If the article was primarily produced at another institution and your FIRST/primary affiliation in the article is therefore NOT the UR, please select the other institution under “Institution or university” in the “Author Journey” section so that the article is NOT billed through the UR. If the article is assigned to the UR but the UR is not your FIRST/MAIN affiliation in the article, we will pass on the full publication costs to you).
    - and the article type is eligible for DEAL
  - If the institution, journal, and article type are eligible for DEAL, a DEAL notice (a “green box”) will appear, indicating central billing and the institution’s potential partial or full coverage of the costs!

- A fixed publication fee is payable for each article in hybrid Springer/Wiley/Elsevier journals that is assigned to the UR. For submissions from September 1, 2025, fees exceeding €2,000 will be passed on to researchers within the university. See above for details. Important: These publication fees apply to every article assigned to us, regardless of OA! We therefore strongly recommend continuing to choose the open access option (CC-BY license) so that the articles are freely accessible and reusable for everyone! Please note that we have no control over the coverage statements on publishers' websites, and these may not necessarily accurately reflect our institution's internal policies!
- Articles classified by Springer as “non-research” (editorial notes, letters, book reviews, reports) are exempt from the publication fee. Under the DEAL agreement, neither the university nor the author incurs any costs for these articles.

- If there is no indication of DEAL, no showing of the green box, and instead you are shown costs, the full amount would be payable by you personally. In this case, we recommend taking advantage of the free option for secondary publication. In this case, we recommend taking advantage of the free option for secondary publication.
  If you are unsure, we will gladly send you screenshots.

pure OA journals:

- This includes journals distributed under BioMed Central
- Article Types: Research Articles (= Original Paper, Review Paper, Brief Communication)
- Discount 20% on Springer and BioMedCentral APCs - except for Scientific Reports and Nature Communications. The respective (smaller) discounts for Nature-branded journals are given in the journal list. (Date for APC pricing: Acceptance date)
- When submitting, you will be asked for the "payment method". The option ".... believe that I am covered by a Springer Nature Open Access Agreement" should be selected here. After acceptance of the article, the University of Regensburg/University Hospital Regensburg must be searched for and selected under "Verify your affiliation" in the author portal. If the institution, journal and article type are DEAL-eligible, the reference to DEAL, the central invoice processing and the possible partial or complete coverage of the costs by the institution will now appear. Please note that we have no control over the coverage statements on publishers' websites, and these may not necessarily accurately reflect our institution's internal policies!
- UR Funding: If the open access publication costs exceed our grant amount or if the journal is not listed in DOAJ, the university will bill the corresponding author internally.

For more information

- Open Access Agreement with Germany (Springer Verlag)
- DEAL agreement with Springer

Transcript Open Library

The UBR supports this model financially in the fields of media studies (from 2022) and political science (in 2025), as selected books will be made available in open access.

Wiley

Change effective from submission date September 1, 2025: **Author share per publication also applies to hybrid journals – regardless of OA!** For details see webpage section “Author share at Springer, Wiley and Elsevier”!

Essential: The "responsible corresponding author" must be a member of the University of Regensburg!

Publisher-specific criteria for assigning the article to the UR (resulting in centralized processing, OA option in hybrid journals at no additional cost, discounted fees in pure OA journals).

Hybrid journals:

- Articles accepted in 2019-2023 an from 2024 onwards
- Article types: "primary research articles" and "review articles" (not "editorial pieces" such as "letters" or "book reviews")
- No acceptance of color/page charges etc.
- Once your article is accepted, you will receive a link from Wiley to “Author Services” to sign the “license agreement.” Articles are assigned to the UR under the DEAL agreement if:
    - the responsible corresponding author has selected the UR/UKR as the primary affiliation from the “Affiliations” drop-down menu (no manual entry)
      (If the article was primarily produced at another institution and the responsible corresponding author’s FIRST/primary affiliation in the article is therefore NOT the UR, please select the other institution so that the article is not billed through the UR. If the article is assigned to the UR but the UR is not your first affiliation in the article, we will pass on the full publication costs incurred to you.)
    - and the article type is eligible for DEAL: for Wiley: “Primary Research Articles” or “Review Articles” (“Editorial pieces such as letters or book reviews are not included”).
- If the article is eligible a note will appear referring to DEAL, central invoice processing, and the possible partial or full coverage of costs by the institution. You should then select “Yes, make my article open access” instead of “Keep my article subscription-only.” Please note that we have no control over the coverage statements on publishers' websites, and these may not necessarily accurately reflect our institution's internal policies!
- A fixed publication fee is payable for each article in hybrid Springer/Wiley/Elsevier journals that is assigned to the UR. For submissions from September 1, 2025, fees exceeding €2,000 will be allocated internally to the researchers. See webpage for details. The classification of Wiley journals according to “tiers” and the publication costs can be found in the price list—currently in column “Current PAR fee” (€2,200 → Tier 3; €2,700 → Tier 2; €3,150 → Tier 1). Important: These publication fees apply to every article assigned to us, regardless of OA! We therefore strongly recommend continuing to choose the open access option (CC-BY license) so that the articles are freely accessible and reusable for everyone!
- If there is no reference to DEAL and you are instead shown costs, these would be payable in full by you personally. In this case, we recommend taking advantage of the free option for secondary publication.

pure OA journals:

- Discount of 20% on the APCs, see Price List. (Date for APC pricing: Acceptance date)
- When submitting, select the option "My institution or funder has an agreement with Wiley and may pay the Article processing charges" in the "who will pay" section of the Author Portal. Please note that we have no control over the coverage statements on publishers' websites, and these may not necessarily accurately reflect our institution's internal policies!
- UR Funding: If the open access publication costs exceed our grant amount or if the journal is not listed in DOAJ, the university will bill the corresponding author internally.

Change of publisher for journals: What matters for your DEAL eligibility

- When a journal switches to Wiley - as is currently the case with the ASME Journals, which will be published by Wiley starting in 2027 - DEAL eligibility is determined not by an article’s acceptance date, but by its publication date.

- Articles accepted and published before January 1, 2027, are subject to the agreement with the previous publisher.
  Articles accepted in 2026 but not published until 2027 are generally covered by the Wiley-DEAL agreement.
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- An article must be published before we can identify and report it as eligible for a DEAL. The acceptance date alone is not sufficient for this purpose.
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