

Publication charges for open access publishing: what is paid by Freie University?



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Open-Access-Policy FU Berlin (2021)

„.... Freie Universität Berlin calls upon all members of the university to publish the results of their research online without access restrictions in line with the open access principle.“

Journal types

„traditional“ journals with
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Journal of Geophysical Research

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AGU ADVANCING
EARTH AND
SPACE SCIENCE

Journal of Geophysical Research

full open-access-journals



Article processing charges APC

FU's general rule

For details, check [this website](#) on FU's Publication Fund

FU has special relations with publishers

Check

- [Institutional Memberships](#)
- [Publisher Agreements](#)
- Infos on „*Knowledge Unlatched Journals*“ [here](#) and [here](#).

FU´ s general rule

1. full (or "genuine") open-access journal with quality-assurance procedures ("peer review") and immediate open access.
2. APC must not exceed 2,000 € per article (19% VAT included) or 1,680 € (19% VAT excluded). No pro rata funding.
3. "Submitting" or "corresponding" author must be [FU member](#).
4. No funding of subscription-based journals with open-access-options and mirroring subscription-based journals (mirror/sister journals).
5. No reimbursement for publication fees that have been settled using third party funding.

Details and procedure:

https://www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/open_access/finanzierung/publikationsfonds/index.html

Special conditions: Wiley / Springer Nature

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1.400 Wiley journals

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All! APCs are paid centrally by the University Library.

- No 2,000 € price cap.
- „traditional“ journals with open-access-option included.
- „Nature“ and Nature-branded journals (e.g. Nature Geosciences) included.

Special conditions: Wiley

WILEY

- Get details on this FU website: https://www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/open_access/finanzierung/verlagsvereinbarungen/Wiley.html
- Follow the weblinks and the described workflow
- If the journal offers you different open licences to choose from, please choose **CC-BY** (unless you have one of the rare reasons to choose a more restrictive licence)

Special conditions: Springer Nature

SPRINGER NATURE

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- Follow the weblinks and the described workflow
- Opportunity for opt-out: don't opt-out, but confirm open access publication.
- If the journal offers you different open licences to choose from, please choose **CC-BY** (unless you have one of the rare reasons to choose a more restrictive licence)

Special conditions: Taylor & Francis



- **„traditional“ journals with open-access-option**

The APC will be reduced by 75%. The discounted publication invoices must be paid to the University Library from departmental funds. The University Library makes advance payments, the library will contact the respective department for reimbursement.

- **Full Open Access Journals**

APCs are reduced by 10% per article and paid directly by the University Library of the Freie Universität.

Humanities and Social Sciences Journals

- In **pure OA journals**: 20% discount on APCs
- (selected **hybrid OA journals** in the humanities and social sciences: publishing at no cost to the author (APCs are covered by the respective institution upon approval))

Special conditions: Copernicus

- University Library funds APC up to 2,000 € (gross) if the first affiliation of the corresponding author is FU Berlin.
- If APCs exceed €2,000 gross (1,680 € net), FU Berlin will not cover any of the costs.
- For most (all?) journals, Copernicus Publications will send the invoice directly to the University Library.
- Most journals calculate APCs on number of article pages.

Special conditions: Frontiers / MDPI



- The publication fee is fixed to max. 2,050 USD / 1,680 €.



- 10% discount on article processing charges.
- Publication fee is fixed to 1,680 € per article.

New in 2023

APC-free from January 2023 for 3 years

- sub\urban zeitschrift für kritische stadtforschung
- Bewegtbilder
- Yearbook of Moving Image Studies
- Forum Qualitative Sozialforschung
- GENDER
- Open Gender Journal

APC-free from 3 January 2023

- PLOS ONE (+ more journals from PLOS will be included)

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