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University of Exeter institutional open access fund overview

Scope of the institutional open access fund

- open access Article Processing Charges (APCs) for peer-reviewed original research articles and review articles (not invited / commissioned) in fully open access journals
- open access publishing fees for monographs, book chapters
- data publication charges
- other costs to support open research such as open research initiatives, resources, training and campaigns delivered by the Open Research team

Open access publishing fees in hybrid journals are out of scope.
The fund cannot be used to pay other publication charges such as page, colour, figure charges.
Payments will not be made to suspected predatory publishers / journals.

Criteria for accessing the institutional open access fund

- output is not already published online (any version) - unless it was published open access with CC BY licence immediately at the time of online publication
- no open access funding is available from funder of research
- corresponding author is eligible as outlined in the eligible author policy

When an open access publishing fee is paid, the output must:

- be published open access immediately upon first online publication, with a Creative Commons Attribution (CC BY) licence
- include acknowledgement of research funding, including grant numbers
- include a data access statement

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