



Transforming
publishing and
research through
open access

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Supporting the transition to open access

In 2021 we announced the next phase of our open access journey following a review of our publishing by the Society's Council; a public commitment to switch our four hybrid research journals, *Proceedings A*, *Proceedings B*, *Interface* and *Biology Letters* to fully open access when their proportion of open access articles reached 75%. They would then join our two existing open access journals, *Open Biology* and *Royal Society Open Science*. This decision was made in the context of the global drive towards open access to research outputs, and our role as the UK's national academy of science with the mission to recognise, promote, and support excellence in science and to encourage the development and use of science for the benefit of humanity.

In 2021, we reached the significant landmark that over half (53%) of all our published articles were open access.

Increasingly researchers must publish open access as part of their funding agreement, and the Royal Society policies meet the guidelines set down by a range of major funders including the Wellcome Trust, Research England, NIH, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, HHMI, UKRI, and the European Commission. All Royal Society journals are Plan S compliant.

To help the transition to open access we have two models available:

Read & Publish

Combining traditional subscriptions and APCs into one annual payment.

Open access membership

Members receive 25% discount on APCs as they publish.

Read & Publish

Combining access to content and open access publishing in one agreement

Using a simple and transparent model, our Read & Publish customers can access all our content and there are no article processing charges (APCs) to pay at the point of use. Our deals use existing workflows and offer uncapped open access publishing for corresponding authors at eligible institutions. Our model takes into account subscription spend, any paid APCs from a two year period, and any open access membership fee, if applicable.

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If you have any questions, contact sales@royalsociety.org

Benefits of Read & Publish

- One annual invoice combining access and publishing.
- A sustainable and transparent model.
- A transformative model that supports a greater shift to open access.
- Uncapped open access publishing.
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- A transparent pricing policy, ensuring that open access articles are not paid for twice.
- Immediate deposit in Google Scholar, PubMed, Scopus, Web of Science and other indexing and abstracting services.
- High visibility and exposure via a dedicated press and marketing operation.
- Plan S compliant.

Open access membership

Support and encourage open access publishing at your institution

Authors from member institutions receive a 25% discount on the article processing charges for all our journals. An annual fee is charged, based on the number of open access articles published with the Royal Society the previous year. Open access articles are widely acknowledged to receive more downloads and citations than those behind a paywall.

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Our journals

Open Access journals

Royal Society Open Science

High quality research across all of science; continuous publication ensures fast access to the latest research.

Open Biology

A home for open access cellular and molecular biology papers.

Transformative journals

Proceedings A

Research articles in chemical, computational, mathematical, physical, engineering and earth sciences.

Proceedings B

Dedicated to the fast publication and worldwide dissemination of high-quality biological research.

Biology Letters

Short, innovative research from across the biological sciences.

Interface

Cross-disciplinary research bridging the life sciences/physical sciences divide.

Other hybrid journals

Philosophical Transactions A

Influential themed journal issues across the physical sciences; physics, mathematics and engineering.

Philosophical Transactions B

Influential themed journal issues across the life sciences.

Interface Focus

Cross-disciplinary research bridging the life sciences/physical sciences divide.

Notes and Records

Original, international research in the history of science, technology and medicine.

For more information on our journals, visit royalsociety.org/journals

The Royal Society

The Royal Society is a self-governing Fellowship of many of the world's most distinguished scientists drawn from all areas of science, engineering, and medicine. The Society's fundamental purpose, reflected in its founding Charters of the 1660s, is to recognise, promote, and support excellence in science and to encourage the development and use of science for the benefit of humanity.

The Society's strategic priorities are:

- Promoting excellence in science
- Supporting international collaboration
- Demonstrating the importance of science to everyone

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