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Open access journals are peer-reviewed journals that provide free, online access to their articles. They do not charge subscription fees to readers or libraries, rather, they cover costs through publication fees, institutional subsidies, endowments, or sponsorships. There are more than 1200 open access peer-reviewed scholarly journals. There are also hybrid models that allow open access to some of their material and recover their costs from a mixture of author charges, institutional memberships and print subscriptions.

See the list of UC discounts on publication fees below, a description of this and other alternatives and our table of the characteristics of scholarly publishing options.

Submission to an open access journal is certain to remove the financial access barriers for potential readers of your work. Although open access journals are relatively new, evidence to date suggests that publishing with them may increase the reach and impact of your work.

To help you consider submitting your work to these journals:

- Take advantage of the following UC institutional memberships:

UC Discounts on Article Publication Charges for Open Access Journals - 2007 (revised 8/21/07)

Publisher or Publication	Normal publication fee	UC discounted fee	Based on
BioMed Central (all BioMed Central journals)	~ \$1375 average "Article Processing Fee"	~ \$1170 (15% discount)	Supporting membership; Reviewers for articles receive 20% discount for their own articles
Nucleic Acids Research (from Oxford Univ. Press)	\$1900	\$950 (50% discount)	Institutional memberships
Proceedings of the National Academy of Science (PNAS)	\$1000 (to provide open access; separate from page and other charges)	\$750 (25% discount)	Included as part of UC's online subscription
Public Library of Science	\$1250 - \$2750	10% discount	UC-affiliated corresponding author; Institutional membership

- Consult the list of more than 2,800 peer-reviewed open access journals, many with citation rates and impact factors equivalent or better than their traditional subscription-based counterparts, that are focused on increasing dissemination and experimenting with new business models. More appear every month. See the [directory of open access journals](#).

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UNC-Chapel Hill Open Access Authors' Fund**About the Fund**

- Provides support for publishing charges related to offering free immediate open access to journal articles
- Eligible authors are UNC-CH faculty, post-doctoral researchers, and graduate or professional students without grant funds to cover publication fees
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- Sponsored by the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development
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- Public Library of Science
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Why choose open access?

“Providing OA to your own work is not an act of charity that only benefits others, or a sacrifice justified only by the greater good. It's not a sacrifice at all. It increases your visibility, retrievability, audience, usage, and citations. It's about career-building. For publishing scholars, it would be a bargain even if it were costly, difficult, and time-consuming.”
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More information about open access publishing

See the Health Sciences Library Open Access and Scholarly Communications website.

Vice Chancellor Tony Waldrop established The Open Access Fund in March 2005 at the request of University Librarian Sarah Michalak and Health Sciences Library Director Carol Jenkins. The University Libraries are committed to raising awareness among the faculty about open access and open archive publishing alternatives and helping to pay the associated publication costs.

Open Access Publishing at WSU

Wayne State University Library System Supports Open Access

To encourage our faculty and students to consider Open Access publication, increase access to their publications and to heighten awareness of the crisis in scholarly and scientific communication, the University Libraries have expanded their support with new local and national initiatives:

Memberships Eliminate or Decrease Manuscript Charges for WSU Authors

Biomed Central - An independent publisher of open access journals, with rapid peer review and without the need for copyright transfer, [WSU authors](#) can publish accepted manuscripts at no charge. Wayne State University's membership eliminates charges that can range from \$580.00 to \$1665.00 per article. Annual subscriptions to databases including ImagesMD, Faculty of 1000, a version of PubMed with post-publication commentaries by world-wide faculty and [these journals](#) also represent the libraries commitment to supporting our faculty and students.

Nucleic Acids Research - Beginning in 2005, *Nucleic Acids Research* became a fully open access journal. The University Libraries membership on behalf of WSU authors reduces the 2006 accepted manuscript charge to \$950.00 from \$1900.00.

Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the USA - The Libraries' annual site license to *PNAS* provides WSU authors with a 25% reduction in the cost of making articles freely available. Please see [publication charges](#).

Important National Initiatives

The **National Institutes of Health's Policy on Enhancing Public Access to Archived Publications Resulting from NIH-Funded Research** seeks to enhance the public's access to publications derived from NIH-supported research. NIH requests and strongly encourages all investigators to make their nih-funded peer-reviewed, author's final manuscript available through the National Library of Medicine's free digital archive [PubMed Central](#) immediately after the final date of journal publication. [Manuscript submission](#) is easy, taking only a few minutes. For assistance with submission, contact the Shiffman Medical Library staff at askmed@wayne.edu.

WSU authors are also encouraged to examine the publishing potential in the **Public Library of Science (PLOS)**. These [journals](#) currently include *PLOS Biology*, *PLOS Medicine*, *PLOS Computational Biology*, *PLOS Genetics*, and *PLOS Pathogens* and *PLOS Clinical Trials*, which seeks to overcome [publication bias in clinical trials](#).

Wayne State University is a charter supporter of **BioOne**, a non-profit publishing venture for the benefit of scientific societies, universities, libraries, scholars and students. Our support provides the WSU community with access to BioOne's biological and environmental sciences [journals](#).

Wayne State University Supports Open Access Organizations

WSU is a member of the **Coalition for Networked Information (CNI)**, a scholarly organization dedicated to supporting the transformative promise of networked information technology for the advancement of scholarly communication and the enrichment of intellectual productivity. In addition to conferences and current awareness listservs, CNI publishes significant white papers and monographs -- available online.

The **Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC)** and **SPARC Europe** are alliances of academic and research libraries and organizations working to correct the market dysfunction in the scholarly publication system. Wayne State University is a full member of this organization that provides resources for advocacy, education, and alternative models of publication.

Local Initiatives

The Wayne State University Library System has embarked on the development of an institutional repository, ([Digital Commons@Wayne](#)) a digital archive designed for open access to university scholarship and research. Currently in its development phases, interested faculty and staff are encouraged to contact [Nardina Mein](#).

University Libraries' catalogers have made a strategic effort to promote access to open access journals in all disciplines. Open access journals are accessible through the Libraries' [catalog](#) and [through the alphabetic list of online journals](#).

For More Information

For an overview of the crisis in scholarly communication and what faculty and campuses can do, please see [Create Change](#) and for concrete action steps see [Open Access](#).

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