

# UF Open Access Publishing Fund

## Introduction

The University of Florida Open-Access Publishing (UFOAP) Fund supports the goal of making UF research findings immediately, freely and globally available. When funds are not available from other sources, the UFOAP will assist UF authors by paying reasonable article processing fees for publishing in open access journals and for a portion of paid access fees charged by other publishers. Articles that comply with the eligibility criteria will be funded on a first-come, first-served basis.

This pilot was developed as a collaborative project by the Dean of Libraries and the Provost of UF and is scheduled to begin July 1, 2010 and to continue for 18 months.

## Eligibility

Any UF faculty, post-doctoral researcher, staff member, or student author may request up to \$3,000 per year to pay for article-processing fees.

## Publication Types

### Open Access Journals

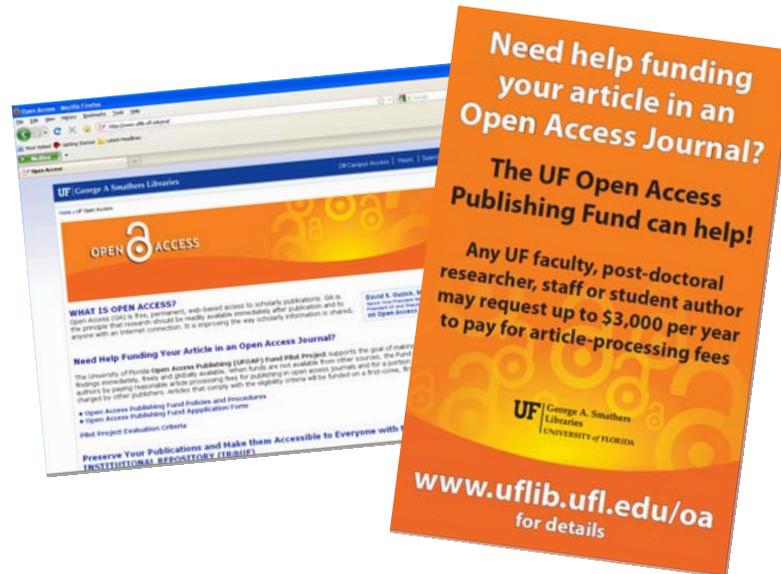
Up to \$3,000 per article will be provided to pay publication fees in open-access journals which provide free, immediate, online access to the full text of research articles without restrictions. Eligible journals include those listed in the Directory of Open Access Journals (<http://www.doaj.org>), or publishers that hold membership in the Open Access Scholarly Publishers Association (<http://oaspa.org/>), and/or are compliant with the Association's Code of Conduct. (<http://www.oaspa.org/conduct.php>)

### Paid Access (Hybrid) Journals

Up to \$1,500 per article will be provided to pay for selecting a paid OA option from a hybrid publisher. Eligible journals are listed in The Directory of Open Access & Hybrid Journals.

## Application Process

1. Submit article to the journal publisher
2. Upon acceptance for publication, receive an invoice for publication charges from the publisher
3. Submit the publication charge invoice along with a UFOAP request form to the Dean of Libraries
4. The Dean of Libraries will review requests.
5. If the request is accepted, the applicant and their department chair will receive notification. The library will send payment directly to the publisher.
6. Successful applicants must acknowledge the UFOAP Funding in two ways:
  1. They are encouraged and reminded to submit a copy of the final article to the UF Institutional Repository
  2. In the final article they must credit the funding source by including the statement: "*Publication of this article was funded in part by the University of Florida Open-Access Publishing Fund.*"



## Evaluation Criteria

The UFOAP will be reviewed at the end of the 18-month pilot study. Program continuation will be based on the following 3 evaluative measures:

### 1. Use of the UFOAP funds

The measures of fund use will include those suggested in the SPARC Open-Access Publishing Fund document:

- Number of Open Access Articles Reimbursed, Including Those in Hybrid Journals
- Number of Unique Submitting Authors Participating
- Number of Unique Departments Participating
- Number of Unique Open Access and Hybrid Journals Utilized
- Amount of Money Disbursed

These measures will be compared with OA publication data from 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 to determine the increase in participation.

### 2. Qualitative comments from the participants

The second measure will be evaluative comments solicited from each of the participants who requested funding.

### 3. Citation counts of the articles.

Additional measures will be citation counts done on each of the articles through Harzing's Publish or Perish program [<http://www.harzing.com/pop.htm>], which draws counts from the Google Scholar database and from the ISI Web of Knowledge (WoS) citations database. Indexing of online publications has a recognized time-lag so each database will be searched at quarterly intervals during the pilot program. The uptake of articles into the citation pathways may extend beyond the timeframe for the pilot project.