
Gold Open Access

Gold open access is a way of publishing in open peer-reviewed journals. Access to full texts is provided by the publisher, not the author.

To publish via gold open access, following steps need to be taken.

Step 1: Find a suitable open access journal to publish in

Currently, there are thousands of open access journals in various fields and areas. But apart from the specialization, these magazines also differ in their chosen business model. There are **three basic models** of open access journals:

- **Pure/diamond open access journals** – Full content of the journal is openly accessible while publishing-related costs are borne by the publisher (e.g. a university publishing house, scientific community). Example: [Global Health Research and Policy](#) or European Commission's publishing platform [Open Research Europe](#)
- **Paid open access journals** – Full content of the journal is openly available while publishing costs of the article are borne by the authors – they pay a [publication fee](#); this type of journals is often mistaken for the entire gold open access model. Example: [PLoS ONE](#) or [Occupational Therapy International](#)
- **Hybrid journals** – The journal is available to subscribers by default, only selected articles are available in open access for a [publication fee](#). Example: [Studies in History and Philosophy of Science Part A](#)

Journals of which content is available free of charge after the expiration of the embargo are not considered to be open access – they do not meet the condition of immediate access.

You can use the [Directory of Open Access Journals \(DOAJ\)](#) database to find a suitable open journal to publish your article or to search for relevant literature.

For new / unknown titles, we strongly advise you to check whether it is a [predatory journal](#).

Step 2: Make sure you have the opportunity to get funds for the publication fee

Publication fees/article processing charges (APC) are associated with a paid open access journal model and hybrid journals. The fee varies from title to title; field differences are also significant.

APCs can be covered from a grant or a research project budget (costs of open publishing for the duration of the grant are eligible for example in H2020, ERC, Czech Ministry of Education etc.), or from workplace resources (if funds have been set aside for this purpose).

Corresponding authors of the UK can also use discounts or tokens for open access publishing with selected publishers. More information below.

Discounts for CU authors

Discounts and tokens for open access publishing are part of the so-called Read & Publish agreements, which are concluded within the national consortium CzechELib.

Rules for the allocation of the CzechELib tokens for open access publishing for Charles University authors in 2024:

- The discount or token for open access publishing can only be used by authors of the CU who are **corresponding authors** of the given articles (for proper recognition by the system, we recommend using an **institutional e-mail address** for communication with the journal) and who have listed the CU as **their primary affiliation**.
- **One token** covers the open access publication fee (Article Processing Charge, APC) for **one article**.
- It is possible to apply for a token only **after the article has been accepted** by the publisher, **tokens cannot be reserved in advance**.
- For publishers where the number of tokens per year is limited (**Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, Springer, Taylor & Francis, Wiley**) **all the following conditions must be met in addition ***:
 - the article will be published and reported in the RIV results under the affiliation of Charles University,
 - the article will be published only in journals that are in the **Q1 or Q2** quartiles according to the **Article Influence Score (AIS)**, which can be found in the Web of Science database; if the journal is not included in the Web of Science database (specifically Social Sciences Citation Index, Arts & Humanities Citation Index, Science Citation Index Expanded), but is included in the Scopus database, the current value of its **Source Normalized Impact**

per Paper (SNIP) metric which can be found in the Scopus database or on the CWTS Journal Indicators website, must rank in quartiles **Q1 or Q2** according to SNIP, i.e. **be ? 0.712**,

- the article **does not have** APC (Article Processing Charge) **financing** from other sources, e.g. from a grant or other resources of the workplace.
- Once all tokens have been used up at a given year, it will no longer be possible to use any (not even when meeting the above conditions).
- The number of remaining tokens is available on our website (regularly updated on the first day of the month).

In case of questions, do not hesitate to contact us at openaccess@cuni.cz.

*) This is the decision of the Rector's Board from 18/12/2023, which was made based on the evaluation of the open access tokens allocation workflow during the year 2023, when the tokens were used up before the end of the year.

ACS | AIP | ACM | CUP | IOPscience | Karger | LWW | OUP | RSC | SAGE | SCOAP³ | Springer Nature | Taylor & Francis | Wiley



American Chemical Society (ACS)

- **Corresponding authors** of Charles University have the opportunity to take advantage of the **complete waiver** of the Open Access publication fee (APC) in **hybrid journals**.
- More information can be found on the [CzechELib website](#).

American Institute of Physics (AIP)

- **Corresponding authors of MFF UK** have the opportunity to take advantage of the **complete waiver** of the Open Access publication fee (APC) in the following hybrid journals:
 - American Journal of Physics
 - Applied Physics Letters
 - Biointerphases
 - Chaos
 - Journal of Applied Physics
 - Journal of Mathematical Physics
 - Journal of Physical and Chemical Reference Data
 - Journal of Rheology
 - Journal of Vacuum Science and Technology A
 - Journal of Vacuum Science and Technology B
 - Physics of Fluids
 - Physics of Plasmas
 - Review of Scientific Instruments
 - Surface Science Spectra
 - The Journal of Chemical Physics
 - The Physics Teacher
- In 2023, Charles University can use a total of **18 tokens** to waive the payment of the publication fee.
- This opportunity can **only** be used for the **following types of publications**: Brief Communication, Communication, Conference Article, Fast Track or Article-FT, Letter, Note, Perspective, Article, Research Update, Review, Roadmap, Tutorial.
- To use this opportunity, the corresponding author must choose Charles University as **affiliation and choose the option "Open Access as part of an Institutional agreement"** in the *Publication Charges and Funding* step during submission.
- More information can be found on the [CzechELib website](#).

Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)

- **Corresponding authors** of Charles University have the opportunity to take advantage of the **complete waiver** of the Open Access publication fee (APC) in **all journals**.
- This option can **only** be used in **selected types of publications**: research articles, review articles, conference papers or proceedings papers and other types of articles for which ACM would also require payment of the APC fee in the case of an uncompleted transformation agreement.
- More information can be found on the [CzechELib website](#).

Cambridge University Press (CUP)

- **Corresponding authors** of Charles University have the opportunity to take advantage of the **complete waiver** of the Open Access publication fee (APC) in **all journals**.
- This option can be used **only** for **following types of publications**: research article, review, brief report, case report and rapid communications article.
- More information can be found on the [CzechELib website](#).

IOPscience

- **Corresponding authors** of Charles University have the opportunity to use the **full waiver** of the Open Access publication fee (APC) in **all journals with a few exceptions** ([list of excluded journals](#)).
- This option can be used **only** for **selected types of publications**: paper, special issue paper, review and/or letter.
- More information can be found on the [CzechELib website](#).

Karger Publishers

- **Corresponding authors** of Charles University have the opportunity to use the **full waiver** of the Open Access publication fee (APC) in **all journals**.
- This option can **only** be used for **selected types of publications**: Original Paper, Review, Brief Communication, Correction.
- More information can be found on the [CzechELib website](#).

Lippincott Williams & Wilkins (LWW)

- **Corresponding authors** of Charles University (**2.LF, 3.LF, LFHK, LFP**) have the opportunity to use the **full waiver** of the Open Access publication fee (APC) in Lippincott Williams & Wilkins/Wolters Kluwer Health **hybrid journals**.
- Tokens can **only** be used for **selected types of publications**: research papers, review.
- Charles University has been allocated a total of 5 of these tokens for its authors for the period 2023-2025 (**as of 1 January 2024, 3 tokens remain**). In order to use the tokens, it is necessary to fulfill the additional conditions listed [above](#)

- More information can be found on the [CzechELib website](#).

Oxford University Press (OUP)

- **Corresponding authors** of Charles University have the opportunity to use the **full waiver** of the Open Access publication fee (APC) **in all journals with the following exceptions** (the following journals are not eligible):
 - Astronomy & Geophysics
 - Children & Schools
 - Critical Values
 - European Heart Journal Supplements
 - Health and Social Work
 - Holocaust And Genocide Studies
 - Interactive Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery
 - Itnow
 - JNCI Monographs
 - Journal of American History
 - Journal of Computational Design and Engineering
 - Journal Of The ICRU
 - Music Theory Spectrum
 - OAH Magazine of History
 - Progress of Theoretical and Experimental Physics
 - Reports of Patent, Design and Trade Mark Cases
 - Shakespeare Quarterly
 - Social Work
 - Social Work Research
 - The American Historical Review
 - The Library
 - The Year's Work in Critical and Cultural Theory
 - The Year's Work in English Studies
 - Translational Animal Science
 - Western Historical Quarterly
- This option can be used **only for following types of publications**: research article, review article, brief report, case report.
- More information can be found on the [CzechELib website](#).

Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC)

- **Corresponding authors** of Charles University have the opportunity to benefit from a full waiver of the APC publication fee in **hybrid** and **fully open** journals published by the Royal Society of Chemistry.
- More information can be found on the [CzechELib website](#).

SAGE

- **Corresponding authors** of Charles University can benefit from a discount on the APC fee (the **discounted fee will be 2000**) in **hybrid journals** of the HSS Package collection and a **20% discount** on APCs in **fully OA journals** in the HSS Package collection (you can check which journals are part of the collection HSS Package [here](#)). **The remaining amount of the APC must be paid from other sources.**
- These discounts can be used **only for following types of publications**: Original Research Papers, Review Papers, Brief Communications, Short Reports, Case Reports
- More information can be found on the [CzechELib website](#).

SCOAP

- SCOAP3 is an international consortium of libraries and research centers in the field of particle physics operating under the auspices of the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN). Thanks to the involvement of Charles University, **CU authors can publish articles in the field of particle physics in [selected scientific peer-reviewed journals](#) free of charge.**
- All SCOAP3-funded articles are made available on the publishers' platforms and in the [SCOAP3 repository](#) after publication.

Springer Nature

- **Corresponding authors** of Charles University have the opportunity to use tokens for publishing in open access in **all hybrid journals.**
- Charles University will have allocated a total of about **91** (after receiving the exact number from the CzechELib, which should take place during February, we will adjust the number accordingly) of these tokens for its authors for the **year 2024**. In order to use the tokens, **it is necessary to fulfill the additional conditions listed [above](#).**
- More information can be found on the [CzechELib website](#).

Taylor & Francis

- **Corresponding authors** of Charles University have the opportunity to use tokens for publishing in open access in **all hybrid journals.**

- Tokens can **only** be used for **selected types of publications**: Article, Review, Research Article, Review Article, Report, Short Communication, Original Article.
- Charles University will have allocated a total of about **38** (after receiving the exact number from the CzechELib, which should take place during February, we will adjust the number accordingly) of these tokens for its authors for the **year 2024. In order to use the tokens, it is necessary to fulfill the additional conditions listed [above](#)** .
- More information can be found on the [CzechELib website](#) .

Wiley

- **Corresponding authors** of Charles University have the opportunity to take advantage of the **full waiver** of the APC publication fee in all **hybrid journals**.
- Charles University will have allocated a total of about **117** (after receiving the exact number from the CzechELib, which should take place during February, we will adjust the number accordingly) of these tokens for its authors for the **year 2024. In order to use the tokens, it is necessary to fulfill the additional conditions listed [above](#)** .
- More information can be found on the [CzechELib website](#) .

MDPI: As of November 30, 2022, Charles University ended its membership in the Institutional Open Access Program (IOAP), so CU authors are no longer entitled to the discount that this membership brought.

Step 3: Publish an article to a selected publisher

If you have chosen a suitable open access journal ([having verified its quality](#) and in the case of a paid model you have the resources to cover the [publication fees](#)), submit a preprint of your article to the editor.

Once the article is peer reviewed and published, the author no longer has to worry about ensuring open access. In the case of gold open access, the publisher provides it directly on their site.

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