

# Navigating the publishing process as a federally funded author

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# Agenda

- Open access publishing and fee structures
- Publish open access without fees
  - Utilize Columbia's OA publishing agreements
  - Find respected OA journals in your field
- Understand journal policies for closed-access articles
- Additional resources from Columbia Libraries and peers

# Make your research articles publicly accessible

## ⇒ Publish your article open access

- In a fully open access journal
  - *May require fee*
- In a paywalled journal with an open access option
  - *Requires fee*

## ⇒ Publish your article in a subscription-access journal

- Deposit Author Accepted Manuscript in PMC
  - *Usually no fee, but embargo may be required*
  - *Some publishers are introducing fees for immediate release of AAM in PMC*
  - *Authors and institutions can push back!*

# Publishing OA without fees

Review the OA publishing agreements sponsored by the Libraries:

- American Chemical Society (ACS)
- Cambridge University Press
- Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press
- Company of Biologists
- De Gruyter Brill
- IGI Global Scientific Publishing
- Institute of Physics (IOP) Publishing
- John Benjamins Journals
- MDPI
- PLOS Biology
- Royal Society
- Royal Society of Chemistry
- World Scientific Publishing
- S20 journals

<https://library.columbia.edu/research-teaching/open-scholarship/libraries-publishing/open-access-publishing.html>

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# Columbia Libraries OA publishing support (journals)

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## OPEN ACCESS PUBLISHING AGREEMENTS

The Columbia Libraries have a number of agreements with publishers that allow eligible Columbia authors to publish their articles open access for no fee or at a discount. Read the details of each agreement with the following publishers and see additional resources at the bottom of the page.

The Columbia Libraries do not help cover open access journal article processing charges (APCs) for individual authors.

If you have any questions about the content on this page, you can reach Open Scholarship Services at [oa-agreements@library.columbia.edu](mailto:oa-agreements@library.columbia.edu).

You can also learn more about the Columbia Libraries support for Open Infrastructure initiatives on the [Support for Open Access Infrastructure](#) page.

### Search for Journals included in Columbia Libraries open access agreements

Use the sections below to see details about our deals with different publishers. To search for a specific journal title, please use the Journal Search Tool.

Expand All ▾ Collapse All ▲

- ⇨ American Chemical Society (ACS)
- ⇨ Cambridge University Press

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Article processing charges (APCs) waived for open access articles that meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Corresponding author is affiliated with Columbia University, Barnard College, Teachers College, or Union Theological Seminary
- Describes original research (eligible article types are research articles, review articles, rapid communications, brief reports, and case reports)
- Accepted for publication in a [CUP journal that is covered by the agreement](#)
- Accepted for publication on or after January 1, 2022

**To obtain this waiver:** Follow Cambridge's [submission instructions](#). Use your Columbia email address when registering in Cambridge's online submission system to obtain an APC waiver.

Read more about Columbia Libraries [Free Open Access Publishing with Cambridge University Press](#).



### Open Scholarship

208A Butler Library  
535 West 114th St.  
New York, NY 10027

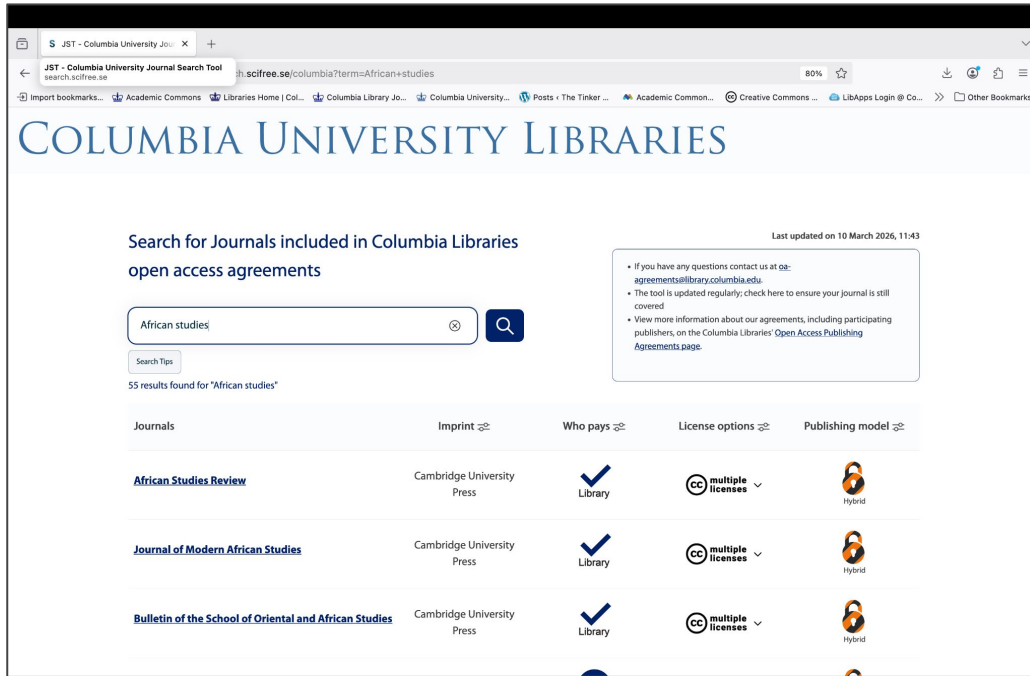
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Map: [Libraries Map](#) >

### RELATED RESOURCES

[Publishing Services from Columbia Libraries](#)

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Search for Journals included in Columbia Libraries open access agreements

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• If you have any questions contact us at [oa-agreements@library.columbia.edu](mailto:oa-agreements@library.columbia.edu).  
• The tool is updated regularly; check here to ensure your journal is still covered.  
• View more information about our agreements, including participating publishers, on the Columbia Libraries' Open Access Publishing Agreements page.

Search for "African studies"

55 results found for "African studies"

Journals	Imprint	Who pays	License options	Publishing model
<a href="#">African Studies Review</a>	Cambridge University Press	Library	multiple licenses	Hybrid
<a href="#">Journal of Modern African Studies</a>	Cambridge University Press	Library	multiple licenses	Hybrid
<a href="#">Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies</a>	Cambridge University Press	Library	multiple licenses	Hybrid

## Journal Search Tool

Helps you find journals that are covered by the Libraries' OA publishing agreements.

Find the link on the Open Access Publishing Agreements page, or go to: <https://search.scifree.se/columbia>

# Columbia Libraries OA publishing support (journals)

## Read & Publish (R&P)

- Bundles the cost to “Read” articles with the cost to “Publish” OA articles
- The Libraries cover publishing costs so CU authors can publish OA for free
- Find all of Columbia’s agreements, including Read & Publish here:

<https://library.columbia.edu/research-teaching/open-scholarship/libraries-publishing/open-access-publishing.html>

# Columbia Libraries OA publishing support (journals)

## Subscribe to Open (S2O)

- Libraries continue subscribing to journal(s) as before
- If subscription revenue targets are met, the entire year's content is made open access
- Libraries avoid paying additional "Publish" costs
- Enables ALL authors, everywhere, to publish OA for free without APCs

<https://library.columbia.edu/research-teaching/open-scholarship/libraries-publishing/open-access-publishing.html>

# How are these agreements managed?

- Open access publishing agreements are usually cost-neutral for the Libraries and have predictable costs for some time into the future.
- Usage of the agreements by Columbia authors is reviewed over time in order for the Libraries to make decisions about renewals.
- As of now, the agreements are fully funded by the Libraries; there are not any cost-sharing agreements with other campus units (but if you'd like to propose one, reach out to us!).

# Libraries do not cover individual APCs for authors

- Columbia Libraries does not have a fund to cover individual APCs, despite what publishers may suggest.
- The Libraries offered an open-access fund in the past but the model was not sustainable.

# Publisher waivers

- Some publishers may provide waivers to authors from geographic regions with fewer resources.
- Some publishers may provide waivers to students and early-career researchers.

# Find other OA journals

The screenshot displays the DOAJ website interface. At the top, the DOAJ logo is accompanied by the text "OPEN GLOBAL TRUSTED". Navigation links for "SUPPORT", "APPLY", and "SEARCH" are visible. Below the header, there are dropdown menus for "SEARCH", "DOCUMENTATION", and "ABOUT", along with a "LOGIN" link. The main content area features a "Journal of Human Immunity" entry. It includes the journal's ISSN (3065-8993), links to its website and ISSN portal, and navigation options for "About" and "Articles". The entry is organized into three columns: "PUBLISHING WITH THIS JOURNAL", "BEST PRACTICE", and "JOURNAL METADATA".

**Journal of Human Immunity**

3065-8993 (ONLINE)

Website ISSN Portal

About Articles

**PUBLISHING WITH THIS JOURNAL**

The journal charges up to: **3500 USD** as **publication fees** (article processing charges or APCs). There is a **waiver policy** for these charges.

**BEST PRACTICE**

This journal began publishing in **open access** in 2025. This journal uses a **CC BY** license. → Look up their **license terms**.

**JOURNAL METADATA**

Publisher: **Rockefeller University Press**, United States  
Other organisation: **International Alliance for Primary Immunodeficiency Societies (IAPIDS)**  
Manuscripts accepted in: **English**

Look up the journal's: **Aims & scope**

The author retains **unrestricted** copyrights and publishing rights.

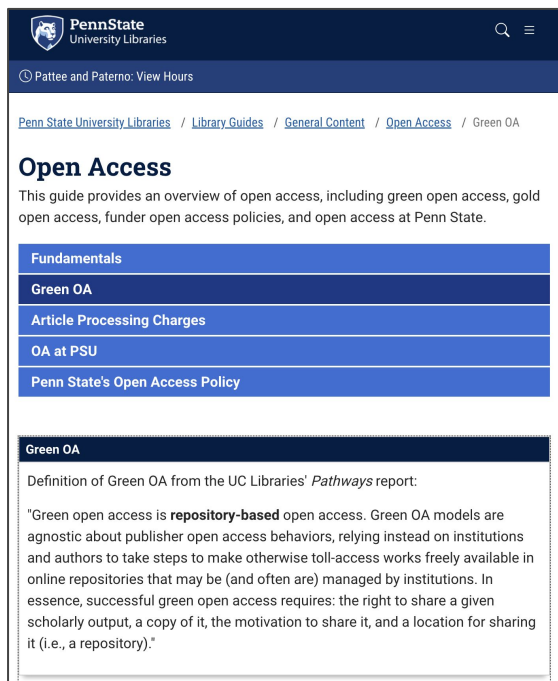
LCC subjects: **Medicine: Internal medicine: Specialties of internal medicine: Immunologic diseases.**

## Directory of Open Access Journals

DOAJ is a unique and extensive index of diverse open access journals from around the world, driven by a growing community, and is committed to ensuring quality content is freely available online for everyone.

<https://doaj.org/>

# Find other OA journals



The screenshot shows the Penn State University Libraries website. At the top, there is a search bar and a menu icon. Below that, the breadcrumb trail reads: Penn State University Libraries / Library Guides / General Content / Open Access / Green OA. The main heading is "Open Access". Below the heading, a paragraph states: "This guide provides an overview of open access, including green open access, gold open access, funder open access policies, and open access at Penn State." There is a table of contents with the following items: Fundamentals, Green OA, Article Processing Charges, OA at PSU, and Penn State's Open Access Policy. The "Green OA" section is currently selected and expanded, showing a definition: "Definition of Green OA from the UC Libraries' Pathways report: 'Green open access is repository-based open access. Green OA models are agnostic about publisher open access behaviors, relying instead on institutions and authors to take steps to make otherwise toll-access works freely available in online repositories that may be (and often are) managed by institutions. In essence, successful green open access requires: the right to share a given scholarly output, a copy of it, the motivation to share it, and a location for sharing it (i.e., a repository).'"

## Publishers and Journals Allowing Green OA Without an Embargo

From Penn State University Libraries

<https://guides.libraries.psu.edu/open-access/green#s-lg-box-wrapper-40617769>

# Understand journal policies for closed-access articles

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Welcome to open policy finder  
Inspiring confident choices in open access publishing for authors and institutions.

Begin your search...

New England Journal of Medicine

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Explore the best of what open policy finder has to offer.

- Open access compliance** →  
Understand whether a journal complies with a funder's open access policies.
- Transitional agreements** →  
Find agreements held by institutions and the journals listed within agreements.
- Our supporter scheme** →  
See how you and your institution can support the growth of open policy finder.
- Books** →  
Read about the books data we offer and how to access it.
- Add a new funder** →  
Find out more information on how to add a funder policy or record to the site.
- Add a new journal** →  
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## Open Policy Finder

- Based in UK
- “Get clear guidance on whether a journal complies with a funder's open access policies.”

<https://openpolicyfinder.jisc.ac.uk/>

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## The New England Journal of Medicine (NEJM)

Publisher [Massachusetts Medical Society](#) | ISSN 0028-4793 | eISSN 1533-4406

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Version:

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**Accepted** Option with funder pre-requisites, no embargo & CC BY-NC-ND licence [Show](#)

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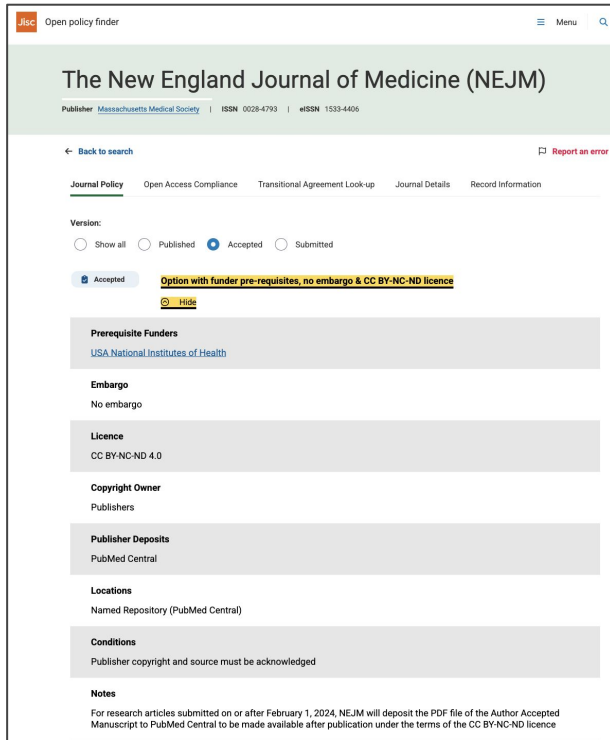
**Accepted** Option with funder pre-requisites, no embargo & CC BY licence [Show](#)

**Policy Links**

- [Author Permissions](#)
- [Editorial Policies](#)
- [Preprint policy](#)

- Select the “Accepted” button in the record for the journal.
- Is there a “no embargo” option?

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**Prerequisite Funders**  
[USA National Institutes of Health](#)

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**Notes**  
For research articles submitted on or after February 1, 2024, NEJM will deposit the PDF file of the Author Accepted Manuscript to PubMed Central to be made available after publication under the terms of the CC BY-NC-ND licence

- Select the “Accepted” button in the record for the journal.
- Is there a “no embargo” option?
- View the details.

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## Support for Authors to Comply with Funding Body Mandates

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- The Open Policy Finder may be out of date, so follow the policy links in the record to see if the journal has posted new information.

# Additional resources

- Columbia Libraries: [Making Manuscripts Publicly Available](#)
- Duke Libraries: [2025 NIH PAP Updates](#)
- Authors Alliance: [An Updated NIH and Publisher Guidance: What Authors Need to Know about NIH's Public Access Policy](#)
- SPARC: [Guide for Authors Complying with U.S. Federal Agency Public Access and Publisher Policies](#)

Browse more resources:

[https://guides.library.columbia.edu/public\\_access](https://guides.library.columbia.edu/public_access)

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# Following up with Libraries staff

- Open Access agreements -  
[oa-agreements@library.columbia.edu](mailto:oa-agreements@library.columbia.edu)
- Copyright -  
<https://library.columbia.edu/research-teaching/copyright.html>
- Open Scholarship Services -  
<https://library.columbia.edu/research-teaching/open-scholarship.html>
- Subject Specialist Librarians -  
<https://library.columbia.edu/about/staff/subject-specialists.html>

# OA Publishing Agreements News

OA Publishing agreements announcements can be found on the Columbia University Libraries' Open Scholarship blog, [The Tinker](#). We plan to update the blog more regularly and also to introduce an RSS feed. Stay tuned!

