APC Fund FAQ

What charges does the fund cover?

Article processing charges or publishing fees. The fund does not cover submission fees or personal or institutional subscriptions or sponsorships.

What content types are eligible?

Articles accepted for publication in peer-reviewed open access journals. Articles cannot be still under review; they must be accepted.

Which journals are eligible for this fund?

The eligible journals meet each of the following criteria:

- Journal is a gold OA indexed in the Directory of Open Access Journals
- The journal impact factor is in the top 10% based on the Journal Impact Factor Percentile in Incites (for 2017/2018)
- Journal requires an APC (based on either the DOAJ or the publisher’s website i.e. if the DOAJ says there’s no APC but the publisher’s website says it has an APC, the journal was included, and vice-versa)

‘Platinum OA’ journals (fully-open journals that don’t charge an APC) are not included.

Are there any funds access restrictions?

The fund cannot be used to support "hybrid" open access publishing, or to cover publishing fees where an embargo is required. The hybrid model is used to make individual articles available in journals in addition to paid subscriptions to access the remainder of articles.

Who is eligible?

Faculty members, Research Fellows, Adjuncts, Honorary and HDR (Higher Degree by Research) students who are the first or corresponding author of an article accepted for publication in the eligible journal list. The author must have by-lined the University of Western Australia on the article.

With what requirements must subsidized authors comply?

Authors must provide a digital copy of their manuscript with their fund application and sign the declaration that they have no other funds available to them to cover the APC cost. The library will preserve and make these works available in an institutional digital repository.
How are intramural collaborations handled?
Only the first or corresponding author can access the UWA APC funds for up to 3500 (AUD) per article.

Are there restrictions for repeat usage?
The fund will provide up to 3500 (AUD) per UWA researcher per calendar year. Researchers can apply to access the fund once each calendar year.

What if the APC cost exceeds 3500 (AUD)?
If the APC cost exceed 3500 (AUD), the APC fund applicant must obtain two separate invoices, one for the University Library (for up to 3500 AUD or the equivalent in foreign currency), and a separate invoice for the entity paying the outstanding balance.

Can I apply for reimbursement of my APC charges?
If you have already paid APC fees in 2019 calendar year for manuscript published in the eligible journal and you meet the eligibility criteria, you may apply for reimbursement of your costs. To do so, you must fill in the online application form and provide an original invoice paid in 2019 calendar year as well as the receipt issued in the name of the APC fund claimant (first or corresponding author). The Library APC Fund Manager will assess your application and advise you of the outcome.

The maximum amount that can be reimbursed from the UWA APC Fund is 3500 AUD.

Fund Size
The fund has a maximum which may be adjusted at the discretion of the University Library. Funding for articles that comply with the eligibility criteria will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis until the funds are spent. The current amount in the APC fund will expire at the end of 2019.

Who is currently funding the UWA APC Fund?
The fund is supported by the University Library.

Who will administer the fund?
The fund is administered by the Library Fund Manager within the Research Publication and Data Services Unit. Request access to the APC Fund by completing the online application form.

What is the billing name for the invoicing purposes?
The APC fund invoices should be issued to:
Where to get assistance with APC Fund?

If you have any queries relating to the APC fund, please contact your Library Faculty Team:

- Arts, Business, Education and Law ablelibrarians-lib@uwa.edu.au
- Engineering and Mathematical Sciences emslibrarians-lib@uwa.edu.au
- Health and Medical Sciences hmslibrarians-lib@uwa.edu.au
- Science scilibrarians-lib@uwa.edu.au
- School of Indigenous Studies ablelibrarians-lib@uwa.edu.au