

OA: keywords

Green Open Access

When publishing under the green open access model, you can self-archive articles, i.e. deposit a version of the article, as allowed by the publisher (manuscript, pre-print, post-print, e-pub ahead of print), in the institutional repository of your institution (AIR-IRIS, Archivio Istituzionale della Ricerca - Institutional Research Information System). Most science publishers support this publishing mode.

In line with the University OA policies, the Digital Library includes this option in its publishing agreements.

Gold Open Access Journals

This model allows for open access publishing, with no subscription fees.

Articles in a gold open access journal usually show an orange open padlock, which is the symbol of OA, and can be viewed by all users, regardless of their institution. These journals are funded exclusively by article processing charges (APCs).

Some publishers grant discounts on APCs based on membership or agreements with the University Digital Library.

Hybrid Journals

Hybrid journals offer open access articles, which can be viewed by anyone without a subscription, as well as closed access articles, which can only be viewed by users from an institution that has a subscription to the journal.

Transformative Agreements: Read and Publish Agreements

The transformative agreement model allows for access to a subscribed collection (read) as well as publication of a variable number of open access articles by authors from the institution that has signed the agreement (publish).

Costs are allocated to these two services, initially with a higher share to the subscription service. Later into the contractual period, which lasts on average three or four years, a higher share will be allocated to the publishing service.

CRUI transformative agreements always provide the following guarantees for the authors:

1. Creative Commons License:

Type of OA license: mostly CC BY, in some cases CC BY NC (depending on individual journals covered by the agreements)

2. Copyright for the author

3. OA as an option: the author can choose OA publishing or not

4. The guarantee that OA articles are published and made available in the same environment and in the same way as subscription articles

OA: Transformative Agreements with Access to Funding

Authors' affiliation:

Funding is reserved for Milan University authors.

The University author must be the Corresponding Author of the article, i.e. the author who takes primary responsibility for communicating with the publisher, as well as for the entire article submission and publishing process. The Corresponding Author is also referred to as "primary author".

Anyone who has an ongoing relationship with the University is a University author, namely permanent professors, contract professors, researchers, A and B researchers, postdocs, research fellows, doctoral, postgraduate and undergraduate students, technical and administrative staff (e.g. laboratory technicians).

The University author will check:

1) The type of articles eligible for funding under the agreement:

Not all articles are always eligible for funding for open access publication (e.g. Articles and Reviews are, while Brief Communications are not under the Springer agreement). Therefore, University authors cannot apply for funding for any OA publication

2) The journal chosen for publication:

For each publisher it is necessary to check the list of journals covered by funding arrangements, which may differ (though slightly) with the publisher's full catalogue (this information is provided by individual contract sheets on the Open Access publishing page)

Validation by the Approval Manager

The Approval Manager (APC.bibliotecadigitale@unimi.it) verifies the CA's affiliation and validates eligibility for funding for that article on the publisher's platform or notifies CRUI in case of centralized management. He/she periodically reviews the detailed APC reports in agreement with the SBA Division.

OA: Further Documentation on Transformative Agreements

Plan S (Coalition S)

The general principles of transformative agreements according to Plan S are set out in the FAQs on "Transformative Journals".

ESAC-Initiative Registry

In the international registry of transformative agreements, under "Italy" (Country) and "CRUI-CARE" (Organization), you can review the main features and the text of the agreements signed by CRUI on behalf of universities and research institutions, subject to confidentiality clauses.