Jisc’s Open Access Community Framework (OACF)

The OACF was developed to give visibility and support to small not-for-profit publishers and initiatives who operate using a diamond open access model - and help them reach a wider potential support group.

How does the OACF work?

Once a year Jisc publishes a call directed to mission-based and diamond publishers to submit an application providing detailed information about their journals, monographs or initiative and an annual UK HE funding target by a submission deadline date. Once approved Jisc works with approved publishers to determine institutional contribution levels via Jisc bands.

Participants are announced in May/June with catalogue pages in Licence subscriptions manager, so that members can see details of funding options and pledge support. The funding window remains open until the end of the calendar year, taking advantage of two financial years.

Institutions can pledge to support their chosen initiatives financially for a three-year period to allow publishers/initiatives to structure and achieve their mid-term goals. This may be to increase the numbers of articles or books published annually, for example, or to employ a developer for a crucial infrastructure project.

A community funding approach

As the diamond OA model charges neither subscription nor author-facing publishing fees, publishers rely on community funding to support their operating costs and provide opportunities to authors for whom article or book processing charges are a barrier to OA publishing.

Read more about the OACF, a new approach to supporting scholarly communications.

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