

A quick guide to Open Access (OA)

Funders like [The Research Council of Norway and the EU demand Open Access \(OA\)](#) to research publications, and [Plan S \(01.01.2021 →\)](#) also entails new requirements in this regard. There are many different ways of achieving Open Access for scholarly publications. The OA Team at the University Library can assist with the following three:

1. PUBLISHING IN PURE OA JOURNALS (GOLD OA)

- ✓ Are you affiliated to Nord University and the corresponding author of the publication?
- ✓ Is the journal listed in [DOAJ](#) and [ranked by DBH/NSD](#) on levels 1 or 2?
- ✓ Is your article peer-reviewed and has it been accepted for publication?

If the answers to **all** these questions are yes, you may be granted financial support from the University's [Open Access Fund](#). All you need to do is fill in and submit the [application form](#). **Please note: All those receiving funding are obliged to upload a version of their article via Cristin for subsequent archiving in the university's institutional repository, [Nord Open Research Archive](#)** (see no. [3 Self-archiving of publications...](#)).

2. PUBLISHING VIA NATIONAL JOURNAL AGREEMENTS

- ✓ Check if your chosen journal is included in one of the [national journal agreements](#) in which the university participates (see lists of included journals for each publisher)
- ✓ There are two types of agreements:

Read-and-publish agreements

- These cover Article Processing Fees (APCs) **in full → free publishing**
- Some agreements have limitations in OA publishing due to **annual quotas**
- Publishers: Cambridge University Press, Elsevier, Sage (subscription-based journals only), Springer, Taylor & Francis and Wiley

Discount agreements

- These give **discounts** on publishing fees → fees may be covered via OA Fund!
- Publishers: Frontiers and Sage (pure OA journals). Please send an [application!](#)
- The agreement with Emerald only applies to subscription-based journals, and researchers must *cover the fees using their own funds*

- ✓ Follow the instructions of the publisher in question as outlined on our [website](#)
- ✓ Your article will be made OA automatically upon publication

3. SELF-ARCHIVING OF PUBLICATIONS IN INSTITUTIONAL REPOSITORY (GREEN OA)

- ✓ If options 1 and 2 are not feasible, you can achieve OA through [self-archiving](#) of the [postprint/Author's Accepted Manuscript \(AAM\) version](#)
- ✓ Search for your journal in [Sherpa Romeo](#) to see which article version may be archived
- ✓ Upload your article via Cristin. The OA Team will authorise rights and check any embargoes before archiving the article in the institutional repository, [Nord Open Research Archive](#)

Any questions? Please contact openaccess@nord.no – we are happy to assist you!