

Nord University's quick guide to Open Access (OA) publishing

[Nord's OA policy \(PDF\)](#) (applies to **all researchers** at Nord) and funders like [the Research Council of Norway, the EU and Northern Norway Regional Health Authority demand Open Access \(OA\)](#) to research publications, and [Plan S](#) (01.01.2021 →) 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 HK-dir](#) 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 the published version of their article in the [Norwegian Research Information Repository \(Nasjonalt vitenarkiv, NVA\)](#) (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:

Publish and read agreements

- These cover Article Processing Charges (APCs) **in full → free publishing**
- Publishers: Elsevier, Sage, Springer Nature, Taylor & Francis, Wiley (all: subscription-based journals only); Association of Computing Machinery, Cambridge University Press,
- The agreements with Taylor & Francis and Wiley have limitation in OA publishing due to an **annual quota**

Discount agreements

- These give **discounts** on publishing fees -> fees may be covered via OA Fund!
 - Publishers: Frontiers, Elsevier, Sage and Springer Nature incl. BMC (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 Author's Accepted Manuscript (AAM) version
- ✓ Search for your journal in [Open Policy Finder \(former Sherpa Romeo\)](#) to see which article version may be archived
- ✓ Upload your article in the [Norwegian Research Information Repository \(Nasjonalt vitenarkiv, NVA\)](#). The OA team will authorise rights before making the article openly accessible

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