

2023 Open Access Publishing Fund GUIDELINES

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This fund is a one-time contribution. A maximum of **\$4,000.00 AUD** per article (including any taxes) is available.

Eligibility Criteria for Open Access Publishing Funding

Authors

- You are a researcher at Charles Sturt, who is responsible for the payment of the publication fee. Typically this will be the lead author of the paper.
- If the article is being authored with academics from other institutions it will be expected that the other institutions will contribute proportional funding.
- There is a limit of three articles for any one author. This ensures equity of funding.
- The maximum available through this scheme is \$4000 (AUD) per article. Please ensure that you can obtain funds from another source if the publishing fee is higher than this amount. Take into account the exchange rate.
- This scheme should not be used if there is another funding source available to fund the publication. The availability of funding from Institutes will be checked.
- Researchers with significant current research funding must indicate as to why publication costs cannot be covered by that funding.

Article

- Articles must be in a peer-reviewed open access journal (please refer to the [Directory of Open Access Journals](#)), or non-open access journals which have provisions for making an article open-access. For the latter, please check whether CSU has a read and publish agreement with the journal before applying <https://libguides.csu.edu.au/OpenAccess/APCS>).
- Only a current ranking of Q1 (see Charles Sturt University list of [Journal Quartile Rankings](#)) will be funded, or a ranking of Q2 when the journal has been ranked Q1 within the past three years when a case is made for its choice.
- The journal must make the fee schedule publicly available online.
- Open access publications in [SJR](#) are indicated by the orange open padlock image (above).
- The article must be ready to be submitted at the time of applying to this funding scheme.
- The funds do not cover other costs such as colour illustration and non-publishing administrative charges.
- The article must indicate Charles Sturt University and your faculty affiliation, and Institute affiliations where appropriate.
- Every funded article should acknowledge the support provided by Charles Sturt University (Example: We acknowledge the financial support provided by Charles Sturt University).

Award Criteria

- Funding will be available each year until the annual budget allocation for Open Access Journals is exhausted.
- All approved articles must be emailed to tri-faculty-research@csu.edu.au
- Funding is awarded on a conditional basis and invoices are processed on proof of acceptance of the article.
- Journals will be checked against the [Directory of Open Access Journals](#) (DOAG), [SJR](#), and the Charles Sturt University Journal Quartile Rankings list as being suitable publications for support through this funding scheme. Priority will be given to articles in Fields of Research aligned with the University Research Strategy.
- Fund recipients must deposit their article in the Charles Sturt University Research Output (CRO) within one month of publication.
- Expenditure for this scheme will close on *1 October 2023* (or earlier if the funding is exhausted).
- The University reserves the right to refuse applications to publish in journals that may be considered predatory.

Application Submission

- All applications are to be submitted using the application form to tri-faculty-research@csu.edu.au

More Information:

If you have any queries, please contact your relevant Associate Dean Research.

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