

ICE Publishing: policy on Open Access

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ICE Publishing provides Green, Gold and Hybrid Open Access (OA) options for authors. What do these terms specifically mean?

There are three main types of OA:

Green OA (Self Archiving) – authors publish in any journal and then self-archive a version of the article for free public use in their institutional (organisation's) repository, in a central repository, or on some other OA website.

Gold OA – authors publish in a journal that provides immediate OA to all of its articles on the publisher's website. The journal is funded by a payment, commonly referred to as an article publication charge (APC), paid by each author at acceptance (rather than by annual subscriptions).

Hybrid OA – journal provides Gold OA for individual articles for which their authors (or their author's institution or funder) pay an APC. All other content resides behind a subscription barrier.

In addition to the above, ICE Publishing is a signatory of the STM Association statement for [publishers that support sustainable OA](#).

The screenshot shows the STM website header with the logo 'stm' and the text 'International Association of Scientific, Technical & Medical Publishers The Voice of Academic and Professional Publishing'. There are search and login fields. The main content area features a dark sidebar with links: Home, About Us, About the Industry, and Membership. The main content area has a heading 'Publishers Support Sustainable Open Access' followed by 'Share' and 'Print' icons. Below this is a paragraph: 'Publishers are committed to the widest possible dissemination of and access to the content they publish. We support any and all sustainable models of access that ensure the integrity and permanence of the scholarly record. Such options include 'gold' open access, whereby...'

This website contains the commitment:

“We support any and all sustainable models of access that ensure the integrity and permanence of the scholarly record. We believe that authors should be able to publish in the journal of their choice, where publication will have the greatest potential to advance their field.

Institutions and funders have a key role to play in ensuring that public access policies allow for funding of peer reviewed publication and publishing services in whatever journal that an author chooses.”

1. Green OA in agreement with grant-funding bodies

Since 1 September 2011, articles reporting work funded by Research Councils UK (RCUK; of which the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) is part) must be published OA.

If your grant-funder asks for this, please let us know at journals@icepublishing.com. Our preference is that:

1. Upon acceptance of your article for publication, you provide your employer with that accepted version (before copy-editing, typesetting, proofs) as a 'closed' deposit. The article's metadata (title, author list, keywords etc) will be publicly searchable but the full text and Figures will not
2. After a 12 month period, the full text and Figures of the accepted version become publicly accessible
3. Please acknowledge ICE Publishing on the webpage where the file(s) is hosted, giving the journal's webpage (full list [here](#)).

ICE Publishing is happy to support RCUK-funded research through this initiative, raising the profile of our authors, employers and journals. If you have any questions about applying to place articles online, please contact journals@icepublishing.com.

1a. Questions and answers

RCUK has its own comprehensive list of common questions and answers regarding open-access [here](#). The following answers are provided by ICE Publishing.

a) What should I do if my work was only part funded by RCUK?

In a case where RCUK support is of only marginal significance to a particular paper, authors are not expected to place their papers as openly accessible documents, freely available online to anyone who has access to the internet. It is up to researchers to use their judgement and integrity in determining which particular funder(s) to credit with having supported the work leading to any of their publications.

b) Can I pay for my paper to be made free on ICE Virtual Library if my work was not funded by RCUK?

Yes. Please contact your journal's coordinator to discuss this.

c) Is there an approved list of open-access repositories?

Not at present. Open-access papers can easily be found, along with content that is not free, using Google Scholar. Website <https://core.ac.uk/> searches only articles in repositories.

d) Why has ICE Publishing chosen to restrict free access to its content?

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e) What OA licence does ICE Publishing use?

CC-BY (for full details click here [Creative Commons Attribution \(CC BY\) 4.0 International License](#)).

2. Gold OA and Hybrid options

Gold OA is a useful option for authors whose work is funded by a research grant. However, for practitioner authors it may present a barrier to publication. ICE journals contain papers from both author groups. As a result of this, we offer Gold, Hybrid and subscription journal options. We also offer discounts and waivers for authors who are unable to pay an APC due to, for example, being based in a developing country. This is in line with ICE's aims to encourage knowledge transfer.

Article publication charges (APCs) for Gold and Hybrid OA journals (plus VAT in UK):

Hybrid OA	
Paper in engineering journal: tier 1	£1800
Paper in engineering journal: tier 2	£1400
Paper in ICE Science	£1600

Gold OA	
Paper in <i>Geotechnical Research</i> (gold)	£1000

All titles	
Short articles (e.g. Briefing, Technical note)	£600

Engineering tier 1: Advances in Cement Research, Geotechnical Engineering, Géotechnique, Geosynthetics International, Magazine of Concrete Research, Structures and Buildings, Water Management.

Engineering tier 2: remaining engineering titles.

Short articles: Briefing articles or technical notes that are reviewed and assessed only by the journal's editorial panel and are not subject to full peer review.

3. Discounts and Waivers

Available discounts applicable for all titles:

- ICE member as corresponding author - 15% discount
- Members of International Geosynthetics Society or British Dam Society (as corresponding author) - 15% discount
- ICE Publishing journal Panel/Board member as corresponding author - 20% discount applicable to any ICE Publishing title
- Employer or direct subscriber to ICE Publishing Complete (15% discount to APC), Current Engineering (15% discount to APC) and Premier collection customer (20% discount to APC)
- INASP (<http://www.inasp.info/>) country list – see tables below

75% discount

Region	Country
Asia	Bangladesh
Asia	Bhutan
Asia	Cambodia
Africa	Comoros
Latin America	Haiti
Asia	Kenya
Asia	Kyrgyz Republic
Asia	Lao PDR
Africa	Madagascar
Africa	Mauritania
Asia	Mongolia
Asia	Myanmar
Asia	Nepal
Africa	Nigeria
Asia	Papua New Guinea
Africa	Sao Tome and Principe
Asia-Pacific	Solomon Islands
Africa	Somalia
Africa	Sudan
Asia	Tajikistan
Africa	Tanzania
Africa	Uganda
Asia	Uzbekistan
Asia	Yemen, Rep.
Africa	Zambia
Africa	Zimbabwe

100% discount

Region	Country
Asia	Afghanistan
Africa	Benin
Africa	Burkina Faso
Africa	Burundi
Africa	Central African Republic
Africa	Chad
Africa	Cote d'Ivoire
Africa	Dem. Rep of Congo
Africa	Eritrea
Africa	Ethiopia
Africa	Gambia, The
Africa	Guinea
Africa	Guinea-Bissau
Africa	Liberia
Africa	Malawi
Africa	Mali
Africa	Mozambique
Africa	Niger
Africa	Rwanda
Africa	Senegal
Africa	Sierra Leone
Asia-Pacific	Timor-Leste
Africa	Togo

4. Questions and answers

a) *Do I have to pay to submit to an ICE journal?*

No, ICE journals are likely to adopt a hybrid OA model rather than a Gold model. Therefore, publication will remain free for articles sitting behind a subscription pay-wall.

b) *If I choose to publish with a Gold or Hybrid OA model, when should I pay the article publication charge?*

Authors should complete payment once their article has been accepted. Their article can then be processed for publication.

c) *If some papers are freely available having had APCs paid, won't readers expect overall subscription costs to be reduced?*

This practise is known as double-dipping, where a publisher receives income from annual subscriptions as well as APCs. The low level of Green open-access does not presently require a reduction in annual journal subscriptions. We are monitoring this situation.

d) *RCUK requires that articles, based on work that they have funded, must be published in journals that allow deposit in a subject or institutional repository after a mandated maximum 12-months. Do ICE journals support this?*

ICE Publishing's Green OA policy has a 12-month embargo period.

e) *Does OA increase a journal's Impact Factor?*

This is a source of debate. There is a logic that if an article does not have a paywall (i.e. is free to read), it will be downloaded more often and therefore potentially cited more often. This school of thought may be influenced by early highly-prestigious OA journals such as PLoS1. Website <https://sparceurope.org/what-we-do/open-access/sparc-europe-open-access-resources/open-access-citation-advantage-service-oaca/> tracks reports on this topic.