

Strathclyde newsletter for researchers on Open Access publishing

This is the **Jan 2024** issue of the quarterly newsletter issued by the Scholarly Publications and Research Data (SPRD) team at the Strathclyde library. It includes relevant updates for Strathclyde researchers' publishing activity.



New UKRI Open Access policy and funding opportunities for longform publications

As announced in a [specific section on our 'Funding Open Access' webpage](#), as of 1 Jan 2024 the Open Access policy for UKRI-funded publications is getting extended from journal articles and conference proceedings to longform publications, i.e. books and book chapters. There is also an associated new funding workflow to cover Open Access charges for such UKRI-funded longform publications. If you have an UKRI-funded book in preparation please contact us at openaccess@strath.ac.uk so we can advise on the funding opportunities and the implications of the policy.

Strathclyde Institutional Rights Retention Policy kicks off as of 1 Jan 2024

The [Institutional Rights Retention Policy](#) or IRRP was passed by the Strathclyde Senate on Nov 15th, 2023 and starts operating on 1 Jan 2024. This means that full-text accepted manuscripts in titles published by a large number of publishers can now be made openly available from the Strathprints repository under no embargo period whenever the paper is not published Gold Open Access. The policy applies to manuscripts *submitted on or after 1 Jan 2024* so it will still be a few months until it starts operating. We have a [rights retention webpage](#) for more info, but please get in contact for more info on a specific publication or if you wished to opt-out of the policy for a given output.

Updates on publishing agreements: PLoS, PNAS

As of 1 Jan 2024 Strathclyde has entered an agreement with the Public Library of Science (PLoS). This deal covers [the main PLoS titles](#) and means that any manuscript with a Strathclyde-affiliated corresponding author accepted in any of these will have its mandatory APC waived. Please contact the OA mailbox for more advice if you have any such manuscripts in the pipeline or in preparation.

On the other hand, the agreement with the US National Academy of Sciences (NAS) that we have run for the past two years has not been renewed due to budgetary pressures. This means that Open Access publishing fees for manuscripts accepted in PNAS will no longer be automatically waived when the corresponding author is at Strathclyde. Please check with us for advice if needed.

Delayed renewal of Wiley agreement 2020-2023

The negotiations for the renewal of the 2020-2023 agreement with Wiley are still ongoing and while access to the literature has been granted by the publisher, the approval of Gold Open Access requests for manuscripts accepted in their journals from 1 Jan 2024 is being held while some deal is reached. The publisher have assured that this will not impact the speed of publication of the manuscripts, but please feel free to reach out for more details if it feels too long since your manuscript was accepted in a Wiley title.

New workflow for Open Access fees for Wellcome-funded publications

As of 1 Jan 2024 the Wellcome Trust have announced that Strathclyde will not receive an Open Access block grant this year that we would typically use to pay for any Open Access publishing charges arising for Wellcome-funded publications. The alternative workflow will involve a direct request to the funder for the grant to be supplemented. We will reach out to Wellcome-funded researchers at Strathclyde to let them know but if you don't get contacted and have a Wellcome-funded manuscript in the pipeline please feel free to drop us a line at the OA mailbox.