

Q&A Free UKSG webinar – Working with Open Access

Please note that a couple of bullet points on Slides 6 and 7 of the slidedeck have been modified by Rebecca Evans (SAGE Publishing) after the webinar, in response to requests for greater clarity around a couple of points. One point (Slides 6 and 7) could have originally been read to suggest that all Gold and Hybrid OA journals charge an Article Processing Charge (APC); this point has been refined to confirm that there are indeed some Gold and Hybrid OA journals that do not charge APCs when publishing OA content. A second point (Slide 7 only) could have been misconstrued to mean that there are no copyright restrictions on sharing Gold OA articles; in fact the point was meant to convey that Gold OA maximises readership thanks to work not being locked behind a paywall.

Questions that came during presentation:

- ***Is there a central place where authors can find out what all the different publishers' policies are regarding green and gold Open Access so they can save time and each researcher having to do all this themselves?***
 - **CS/RE:** We'd recommend looking at Sherpa Romeo (<http://sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/index.php>) which is a really useful source for this. It's always a good idea to check with the journal title individually but this is a good quick reference.
- ***Just checking - did I mishear, but was it said that Sage's policy was about putting up the manuscript **before** peer review?***
 - **RE:** Sorry I misspoke, I apologise for the confusion! Generally speaking, SAGE allows archiving of the **Final Published PDF** (so **post peer-review, typeset and what would be eventually published on SAGE Journals**) but author can also post preceding versions (**Original submission [pre peer-review]** and **Accepted Manuscript [post peer-review, but pre-typesetting]**). There are 9 journals which carry exception, and for those, as well as the full green policy, go here: <https://uk.sagepub.com/en-gb/eur/journal-author-archiving-policies-and-re-use>
- ***Did I understand that any SAGE journal offers Green access?***
 - **RE:** Pretty much, yes: there are 9 journals which have exceptions to our general Green/Self-archiving policy, but they may still offer green access, it's just that the rules will look different. You can find information on SAGE's green OA policy (including those 9 exceptions) here: <https://uk.sagepub.com/en-gb/eur/journal-author-archiving-policies-and-re-use>

- ***Any advice for new OA professionals who have made the leap from FE into the deep end of HE?***
 - **CS:** I would spend some time asking your research community what it is they actually need help with. Research support staff are good at giving advice on what people should be doing but it might be that they have other questions or issues. No matter how you explain OA people will have questions and it is hard to know when to start. When I talk to people about OA I often end up bouncing around the concepts in order to answer their questions as everyone thinks about it in a different way. The other piece of advice I would offer is to reach out to the community. No matter how knowledgeable individuals might seem we are all just doing our best to muddle through and there are lots of different opinions out there. Most people in the open community are very generous with their time when answering questions so feel free to ask.

- ***This question is for Rebecca: you mentioned off-setting APC charges with discounts on subscription costs; where can I find more information about that?***

RE:

 - You can read SAGE's off-setting policy here: <https://uk.sagepub.com/en-gb/eur/subscription-pricing-for-hybrid-journals>
 - Of course, different publishers have different off-setting or 'double-dipping' policies but I assume this individual was looking for SAGE's in particular.

- ***Do you see this as a growth area for employment?***
 - **CS:** I do, both within libraries and the wider institution. I think the range of roles in OA is expanding and even starting to creep into other areas. Even those in academic libraries who don't work with this area directly will have to at least know what OA is and where to send people for help. There are also lots of opportunities to get directly involved with OA such as helping researchers to upload their manuscript, advising on choosing repositories and educating them about which version they can share. As long as OA has been around it has been developing so I think it will continue to do so and its roles will also continue to evolve. The best thing people can do is to get up to speed now and then try and stay on top of the changes.