

Offsetting deals and open access budgets

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Prepayment schemes

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Open access publisher schemes

UCL encourages **Green** open access, but limited **Gold** open access funds are available for UCL corresponding authors who are full UCL staff or research students. Some **fundors** provide UCL with Gold funding.



UCL's **publisher prepayment/membership schemes** provide discounts on open access fees. Payment is made from deposited funds. At UCL, the average cost of Gold open access is around £1500 per paper.

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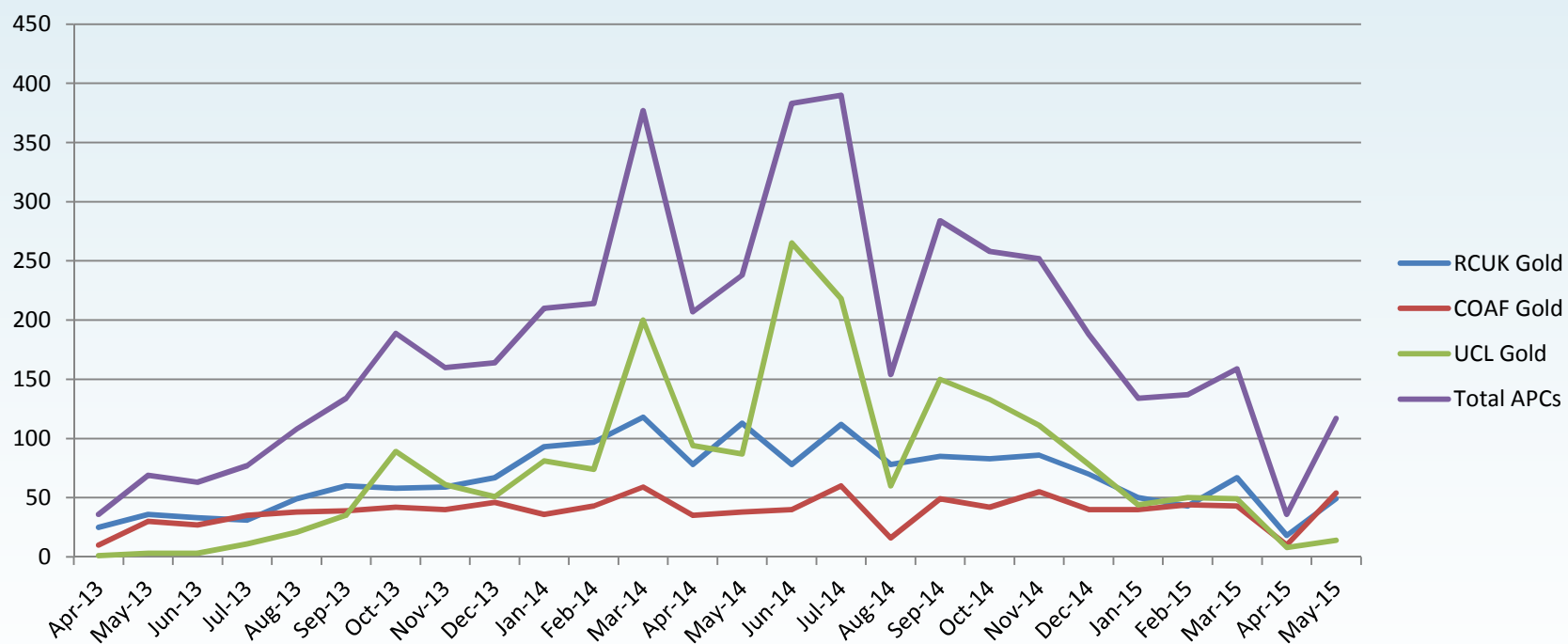
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UCL open access payments



2953 APCs in (calendar year) 2014

UCL Offsetting Schemes

- Wiley: credit of up to 50% of institutional APC expenditure
- Taylor & Francis: vouchers for 75% APC discount (124) linked with subscription expenditure
- IOP: 90% of 2014 APC expenditure credited to institution in 2015
- RSC: Gold for Gold vouchers (number determined by total subscription spend)
- Sage: £200 per APC

OA and subscription costs

- Costs (especially of subscriptions) need to be predictable, but credits can fluctuate wildly from year to year
- Big deal means institutions don't benefit from global subscription reductions
- Higher expense in transition to full OA?
- Corresponding authors / co-authors / grant holders – who pays?

Budget management

- Need to allocate costs to funders
- Retain credit for unfunded authors? Pass on savings to funders?
- Ever-more funders and budgets: COAF, RCUK, NIHR, FP7, ERC: mixture of central and local payments
- Adjust budgets to take account of credits – lump sum repayments, credit accounts with publishers
- Finance administration

Any questions?

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