

## OPEN ACCES PUBLICATIONS

### Description

The Faculty of Health Sciences will provide, on a competitive basis, financial assistance to support publications of quality academic manuscripts in open access journals. Faculty financial assistance is meant to cover only a portion of the cost of the open access publication.

### Eligibility criteria

#### Researchers:

To be eligible, full time professors with primary affiliation in the Faculty of Health Sciences must be the corresponding author, and must not have received financial support from this program in the past 2 years.

#### Publications:

- Eligible open access journals must be listed in the [Directory of Open Access Journals](#); be a member of the [Open Access Scholarly Publishers Association](#) or the [Committee on Publication Ethics](#), or adhere to their [Codes of Conduct](#).
- Eligible open access journals must follow acceptable standards of scholarly publishing. We reserve the right to refuse applications from publishers deemed predatory based on [established criteria](#).
- The publisher's fee schedule must be publicly available online.
- Shared support funding covers only the costs associated with open access publishing. Costs for reprints, submission fees, colour illustration fees, page charges, administrative charges and other fees are not eligible.
- Applicants must describe the need for funds beyond those received through research grants and intended to cover publication or submission fees.

### Application process

**There are no deadline for this fund. Applicants can apply at anytime**; the Faculty Research Committee will adjudicate proposals on a rolling basis, until funds are exhausted. An email communication will be sent to all Faculty members when all funds have been allocated.

Applicants must submit a completed Application form for support of knowledge dissemination and networking activities, supported by:

- A cover letter describing the eligibility of their publication for this funding opportunity and justifying the need for funds if a grant is already held
- Budget for the full publication fee, detailing all sources of revenues (including Faculty contribution) to cover these expenses. The Faculty contribution will not exceed **\$1,500** per award.
- A copy of the manuscript
- A copy of the letter confirming acceptance of the manuscript from the publisher, and including the invoice for publication fees;
- A common CV or equivalent.

### Adjudication Process

As a limited number of awards are available, applications will be evaluated and selected by the Faculty Research Committee, which is chaired by the Vice-Dean Research, and includes five faculty members, one member from each School.

- For all requests, priority will be given according to the following criteria:
  - Need for Faculty financial support
  - Trainee authorship, with priority given to communications where the trainees are listed as authors
  - Availability of external research funding

All requests will be acknowledged and notification of Committee recommendation, as well as comments, will be sent to each applicant after the review process.

### Post-award procedures

If your application has been approved, the application form will be forwarded to financial services to organize payment.