OPEN ACCESS 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.