



HEAL-Link Transformative Agreement

Open Access Publishing Services
Author Eligibility Workflow

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Introduction to Open Access Publishing Services



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Open access publishing process

Submission

Manuscript is submitted

Submitting author provides e.g. **FundRef** and **ORCID** information, article category is assigned

Peer review is conducted in the following

Editorial Acceptance

After editorial acceptance, the corresponding author is able to identify themselves as affiliated to a member institution

Identification

OA agreement specific eligibility check: in-scope journals, article types
Corresponding author identifies themselves as connected to a member institution

Verification

Identified article is sent to the member institution's **article approval service accounts** for **final verification of eligibility**

Publication

The author can now complete the remainder of the production process and the article is published **open access**
An **OA funding note** is added

Author journey after editorial acceptance

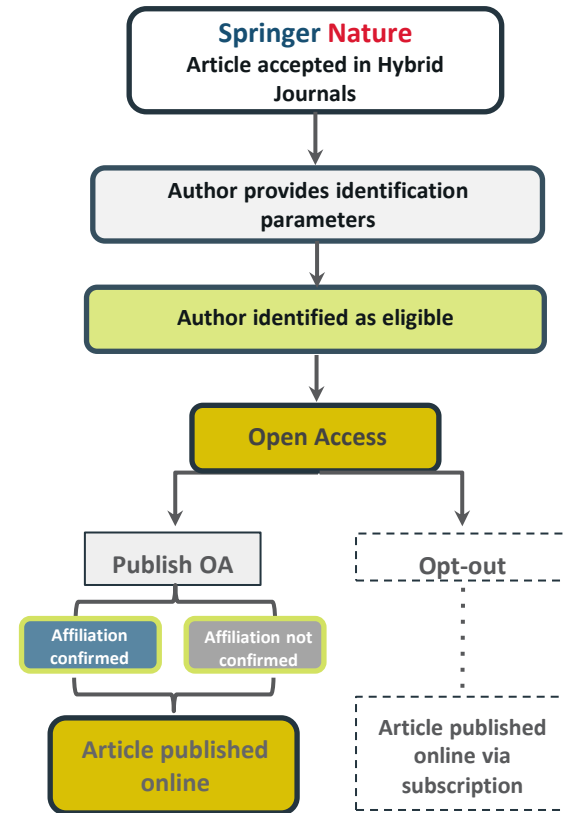
Once an article has been editorially accepted, authors will be able to identify themselves as being affiliated with a relevant institution

Once an author's eligibility is confirmed by the institution, the article is published open access

For hybrid journals, the author has the option to **opt-out** of publishing open access

In case of rejection, the author has the option to publish open access with their own funding or publish traditionally non-open access

To browse the list of eligible journals, please visit the HEAL-Link Transformative Agreement website:
[springernature.com/gp/open-science/oa-agreements/greece](https://www.springernature.com/gp/open-science/oa-agreements/greece)






Author/article identification - I

After article acceptance, the corresponding author receives an invitation to complete the publication process for the article and the authors are able to identify themselves:

Corresponding author/article identification parameters:

1. Selected institution
2. Email domain recognition
3. IP recognition

Selected Institution 	Institutional Email 	Location 
Please input your institutional affiliation when prompted.	Please use your institutional email address.	Please complete the form while within your institution's network.

A hierarchy is applied to the identification parameters in the order above

When completing the identification phase, the corresponding author will be prompted to type in their institution and then select it from a dropdown list. The email domain and the IP address will instead be picked up by the system automatically

Author/article identification - II

An author identifies themselves by using the following identification parameters

For example:

1. Selected institution: University of Patras
2. Email domain recognition: University of Vienna
3. IP recognition: University of Rome

→ **‘Selected institution’ is the strongest parameter.** The author is identified as being **affiliated with the University of Patras**

Not all parameters need to be selected nor the same institution needs to be specified across all three parameters for the identification phase to be completed and the funding request sent to an institution



Author Journey after Editorial Acceptance

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Email invite to complete process

Once the article is editorially accepted, the corresponding author receives an invitation to complete the publishing agreement

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Dear Dr. Charles Darwin

We're delighted that your article has been accepted for publication:
'The zoology of the voyage of H.M.S. Beagle'.

You now need to:

- Provide details to help us check whether your article processing charge (APC) is covered by your institution or a journal partner.
- Read and accept your publishing agreement.
- Make a payment if the APC is not covered.

If you want to publish subscription, instead of open access, there will be an option to do that in the following steps.

Continue with publishing your article:

<https://publishing-and-rights.springernature.app/workflow/123>

Kind regards,

Springer Nature Author Service

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Author Service team at

ASJournals@springernature.com

Select country

The author is prompted to select their country from a dropdown list

Country or region

This form must be filled in by the corresponding author.

> Why does this matter?

Select your country/region of residence

Greece

Next

Need help?

✉ Email us at OA.verification@springernature.com

Your article

Corresponding author (you)
Charles Darwin

Title
The zoology of the voyage of H.M.S. Beagle

DOI
10.1234/6F7C7992-18F7-4940-8A30-9F73F677E909

Article type
OriginalPaper

Journal
Journal of Research

OA information page

Authors are given basic information about publishing their article open access, including the Article Processing Charge (APC) of the journal

If authors would like to publish subscription instead, this can be selected later in the process

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Publishing and rights

Open access

Publishing open access with us (gold OA) lets you share and re-use your article immediately after publication.

The article processing charge (APC) to publish your article open access is:

Article processing charge £3780.10 / \$4080.50 / €4120.90
(excluding local taxes)

Some organisations will pay some or all of your APC.

We will now check whether your APC is covered by any of our agreements.

If you want to publish subscription, instead of open access, there will be an option to do that in the following steps.

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Your article

Corresponding author (you)
Charles Darwin

Title
The zoology of the voyage of H.M.S. Beagle

DOI
10.1010/3452035457045

Article type
OriginalPaper

Journal
Journal of Research

Confirm affiliation

Authors will be asked to confirm the affiliation they provided during the Submission phase

If they have moved or it is incorrect they can change it

N.B. Changing affiliation at this point of the process only affects the identification for open access agreements, not the affiliation listed on the published article

Institution or university

During manuscript submission you told us you're affiliated with the following institution:

Aegean University Library
Mytilini - Greece

Is this still correct?

Yes, Aegean University Library is the institution I'm affiliated with

No, I've changed institution

Next

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OA information page

Authors are asked to select their institution from the dropdown list - if they cannot find their institution it can be manually typed in as well

Institution or university

Select the institution you are currently affiliated with. If you have more than one current affiliation, choose the one where you completed the research for this article.

Search for your institution or university

If your institution or university does not appear in the results list, please enter it manually below.

Institution name

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Institutional agreements


If an author's institution has an agreement with Springer Nature to cover the costs of open access publishing, the author will be given information about the agreement in case they are eligible for coverage

Authors can opt out of an agreement and publish under a subscription model at this stage

Confirm your eligibility status

Thank you for confirming your institution or university. Based on your selection, you have been identified as affiliated to the institution or university below.

University of Patras [Change](#)



Open access at no cost to you

You have identified yourself as affiliated with the University of Patras. The agreement between your institution and Springer Nature enables you to publish your article open access at no cost to you.

On www.springernature.com/gp/open-science/oa-agreements/greece you will find specific information on the agreement.

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▶ No, I do not want to publish open access

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Summary

Authors will be shown a summary of the information they have provided and the agreements they selected, if any of this is incorrect it can be changed at this stage

If the institution does not have an agreement, or it has run out of funds, the author will be informed at this point of the process

Check your answers

Institution or University: University of Patras Change

✔ We have an agreement with this institution to pay some, or all, of your APC.

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What happens next?

- We'll contact organisations you selected and confirm if they'll pay some, or all, of the APC
- We'll email you once we know (normally within 5 days)
- Then you can continue with publishing your article

[Submit for approval](#)

Need help?

✉ Email us at OA.verification@springernature.com


Publishing model choice


If an author does not have an agreement available to cover the costs of publication, they will be given the option to either publish subscription or pay for open access using other funds

If they select open access, they will have the opportunity to provide billing details


Publishing agreement

Choose how to publish

 **We encourage you to publish open access if you can** — it makes your research more widely available. However, you will need to have the funds to pay the article processing charge (APC).

 **We suggest that you explore your funding options** — it makes your decision easier. How to get information:

- Check our [list of funders](#) first, as your APC funding may be covered
- Consult our [funding support service](#)
- Contact the librarian at your institution

 **We know that this is not a quick decision** — if you want to look for help to pay this before making a choice, you can return to this page when you're ready.

Please select your publication model:

Publish open access - everyone can read your article for free online
The APC for this article is £3780.09 / \$4080.50 / €4120.89. The final amount will depend on any local taxes or admin fees.

Publish subscription - readers will need a subscription to access your article
Check the conditions of your funding before choosing subscription. Some funders require immediate open access (read about [open access policy requirements](#)).

If you select the subscription publishing route, you accept the journal's standard licensing terms - including embargo and [self-archiving policies](#). These terms replace any others that anyone may declare to apply to any version of the manuscript.

> What's the difference between open access and subscription?

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Continue

Verification

After the Identification phase, the article is sent to the Article Approval Service of the specified institution so that the Approval Manager(s) can decide whether to approve or reject the funding request

The Verification phase needs to be completed within strict timelines to make sure the article is published within short time frames

Once the Approval Manager has made a decision, the corresponding author is informed via E-Mail

<p>University of Patras</p> <hr/> <p>Charles Darwin The zoology of the voyage of H.M.S. Beagle JISC</p> <hr/> <p>Progress</p> <p>✓ Requested 2011-12-03 ○ Decision pending...</p>	<p>CONFIRM APC COVERAGE</p> <p>Confirm coverage of APC for this article University of Patras</p> <p>Approve article</p> <p>Note, your decision is final and can not be changed.</p>
	<p>REJECT APC COVERAGE</p> <p>Reject coverage of APC for this article</p> <p>Reject article</p> <p>Note, your decision is final and can not be changed.</p>
	<p>Corresponding author</p> <hr/> <p>Name Charles Darwin First author</p> <hr/> <p>Institution University of Patras Department Life sciences</p> <hr/> <p>Email charles.darwin.evolution@hotmail.com ORCID https://orcid.org/0000-0000-0000-0001</p>

OA pre-publishing declaration

Authors will be informed whether their APC will be covered by an agreement - if the APC is not covered then the author will have to pay using other means or publish using a subscription model

After this, the author will be able to generate the publishing agreement by confirming whether they are a government employee or not

Agree to publish

Before we can continue with the publication of your article, we need you, the corresponding author, to provide us with permission to publish.

Some governments require a tailored publishing agreement. So we can generate the right agreement for you, tell us if either of these options apply.

Are you, as the corresponding author:

An employee of the United States Government

An employee of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Canada or Australia

Neither of the above

i If you, or part of your author group, are employees of:

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OriginalPaper

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Publication

After the coverage of the APC has been agreed by the institution and the author has signed the LtP, the article will continue into the final stages of publication where the author can complete their proofs

Once the author is happy, the article is published online under the relevant open access license

The screenshot shows the Springer Nature Link interface for an article. At the top, the Springer Nature logo is visible. Below it, there are navigation links: 'Find a journal', 'Publish with us', 'Track your research', and a search bar. The article title is 'The zoology of the voyage of H.M.S. Beagle', published in 2024. The author is Charles Darwin, with a link to his ORCID ID profile. A pop-up window displays his name, affiliation (University of Patras, Patras, Greece), and a 'View author publications' button. Below the pop-up, there is a link to 'Charles Darwin' with an envelope icon, and a metrics section showing '803 Accesses' and a link to 'Explore all metrics'.

Funding note

The funding note highlights that the costs to publish the article open access (the APC) have been covered by the Transformative Agreement

Funding

Open access funding provided by HEAL-Link Greece.

Support for authors

Authors can find for further support on:

- [Author helpdesk](https://support.springer.com) - support.springer.com
- springernature.com/gp/open-research/institutional-agreements
- springernature.com/gp/open-science/oa-agreements/greece

Learn more about
your eligibility



Participating
institutions
(PDF, 485.11 KB)

Publishing open access in a hybrid journal

Check the list of hybrid journals that are included in the agreement.



Eligible journals
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- Initial contact, queries regarding submission and payments

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- oa.verification@springernature.com
- Queries regarding identification/affiliation and article approval, corresponding author and email changes



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