Open Access Funding Support Scheme 2020

Background

Making your peer-reviewed research publication available through Open Access can increase the number of times your publication is accessed, read and cited. But the Open Access publication model typically comes with a significant cost from publishers in the form of Article Processing Charges (APCs), making it difficult for Researchers to be able to afford this attractive option.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research), Professor Caroline Finch, is pleased to provide an allocation of $300,000 from the Strategic Research Fund (SRF) in 2020 for this purpose. The scheme is open to any research staff member or higher degree by research (HDR) student across ECU, to assist them to make their imminent 2020 publications available online through Open Access.

Applying for Open Access funding for Article Processing Charges (APCs)

- Applications will be assessed as they are received, on a first-come first-served basis and the scheme will continue until the funding allocation is expended in full. Applicants should receive the outcome of their funding assessment in the week following the one in which they lodge it with Library Research Services.

Please note the following conditions:

1. This scheme is open immediately.
2. The scheme is open to any ECU research staff member or ECU HDR Student.
3. Any ECU staff member can only be named as first author (and/or last author in relevant fields) on up to three publications. However, they can be named as co-authors of an unlimited number of papers led by other ECU researchers.
4. The item must be accepted in 2020, however can be published in full online form in 2020 or 2021.
5. Funds are available for papers that have been accepted in 2020 but not yet paid for. They must be for newly accepted papers between now and the end of 2020.
6. This scheme is open to all discipline areas, but papers must only be in international peer-reviewed journals. Australian-only publications will be allowable if they are included in the “ERA Journal List”.
7. Support will only be provided for peer-reviewed papers published in Q1 (A) Tier journals – no exceptions will be allowed for Q2/3/4 or Tier B/C/D journals. Disciplines not covered by these rankings may be considered against recognised discipline listings.
8. Conference proceedings and book chapters are not eligible.
9. Up to $5,000 per paper will be supported. A maximum of three publications will be supported as per point (3) above.
10. If a researcher has two (or more) author affiliations, support for publication will be considered, however funding would be capped at a maximum of half the cost of the Article Processing Charge (i.e. up to $2,500). The other university that the researcher is affiliated with would be expected to fund the remaining costs.
11. The overall funding pool is capped at $300,000. These funds are only available to be spent in 2020.
12. Applications will be received and assessed on a first-come first-served basis and the scheme will continue until the funding allocation is fully expended. Any funds remaining at the end of 2020 will be returned to the SRF.
13. Only papers for which all ECU authors have ORCID IDs will be supported (this information will need to be provided with the funding request).
14. All supported journal publications must be lodged in the ECU Institutional Repository.

To apply for these funds, please complete the application form and send to Library Research Services at researchonline@ecu.edu.au