Open Access Funding Support Scheme 2019

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 model typically costs significant funds, 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 up to $200,000 from the Strategic Research Fund (SRF) in 2019 for this purpose. The scheme is open to any research-active staff member across ECU, to assist them to make their imminent 2019 publications available online through Open Access.

Applying for Article Open Access charges

Applications to be received and assessed on a first-come first-served basis and the scheme will continue until the funding allocation is expended in full, or until it is no-longer possible for an item to be published in 2019.

Please note the following conditions:

1. This scheme is open immediately.
2. The scheme is open to any active research staff member across ECU.
3. Any ECU staff member can be named as first (or last author in relevant fields) only once. They can, however, be co-authors of papers led by others.
4. The affiliation of the first author must only be ECU.
5. The item must appear in online form in 2019.
6. Funds are not available for papers already on-line or already paid for. They must be for newly submitted/accepted papers between now and the end of 2019 – with the proviso that they are published in online form in 2019.
7. This scheme is open to all discipline areas, but items must only be in peer-reviewed journals. Conference proceedings and book chapters, for example, are not eligible.
8. Support will only be provided for peer-reviewed papers published in Q1 (A) or Q2 (B) Tier journals – no exceptions will be allowed for Q3/4 or Tier C/D journals.
9. There will be a tiered level of support – up to $4000 per item for Q1/A journals and up to $2000 for an item in a Q2/B journal. Only one paper will be supported as per point (3) above, irrespective of the tier level.
10. The overall funding pool is capped at $200,000. These funds will only be available in 2019.
11. 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 2019 will be returned to the SRF.
12. Only papers for which all ECU authors have ORCID IDs, linked to ECU as their institution, will be supported (this information will need to be provided with the funding request).
13. All supported journal publications must be lodged in the ECU Institutional Repository.

To apply for these funds, please complete the application form and return to Ms Lorraine Dunbar at research@ecu.edu.au.

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1 This round of funding is not available for HDR students, nor for the publication of PhD work.
2 For assistance, the Research Services Librarian can be contacted at library@ecu.edu.au