

1 Criteria to qualify for support from the open access publishing fund

On the part of the German Research Foundation (DFG) and Leipzig University the following criteria must be met to qualify for support from the open access publishing fund:

- (1) The submitting author responsible for the payment of article processing charges must be affiliated with Leipzig University.
- (2) The journal of choice publishes all articles open access immediately. Open access options for single articles in subscription journals do not qualify for support.
- (3) The article processing charge does not exceed 2.000 € per article (19% VAT included). Partial support of article costs exceeding this limit will not be possible.
- (4) The journal complies with the accepted scientific standards of the respective field of research. Commentaries are generally not supported.¹
- (5) Authors publishing results from third-party funded projects are obliged to verify that there are no dedicated means available for publication within those funds. In cases where funding is available, but does not suffice, the difference can be paid from the publication fund.

2 Further Information

- (1) Only articles published in the current calendar year are eligible for support.
- (2) The date of receipt of the correct invoice at the Open Access Office will determine the order of processing. The date of application is not relevant.
- (3) In order to allow for more reliability in funding for junior scientists, 15 % of the budget will be reserved for this group. This covers PhD students and Postdocs including scientists working on their habilitation. To still allow for an efficient consumption of funds, the reservation will be revoked by October 1st.
- (4) If funds become limited, all applicants will be informed, that complete funding cannot be guaranteed. In case of early consumption of the fund, the date of receipt of the correct invoice will determine the order of processing.
- (5) In case of early consumption of the fund, additional steps will be taken to ensure transparent and fair distribution:
 - a. The management of Leipzig University will examine options to restock the fund.
 - b. If a raise of the fund is not feasible or is conceivably insufficient, all remaining articles will be funded partially. The proportion of support will depend on the amount of available funding.

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¹ To assess the scientific soundness of a journal, we use relevant databases as a reference, such as PubMed, Web of Science and others.