

# Additional Information: Open Access to Our Open Access Fund

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## Lessons Learned:

1. Thinking politically about money & about who you ask for it is important. Who you ask is different at every organization.
  - Have a plan ready
  - Know how it benefits the people you're asking for money from
2. Once you have the money & a plan in place the program will sell itself—Money sells itself.
3. Expect the unexpected—and learn from what you didn't anticipate happening.

## Detailed Eligibility Guidelines we used:

### Eligibility:

In order to apply for Open Access Funding through the HSL, you must be able to answer “yes” to each of the following:

1. Are you affiliated with the AMC?
2. Are you applying for funds to help you underwrite article charges related to publishing your scholarly article in an open-access journal? **Note: The OA Fund is available only to applicants who do not have grant funding or financial support and must pay for publication charges out-of-pocket.**
3. Has your article been accepted for publication?

### Eligible Authors:

This Pilot Open Access fund is open to any member of the University of Colorado's Anschutz Medical Campus however funding priorities are as follows:

1. Students
2. Residents, Post-doctoral fellows
3. Any other affiliated persons

Any application that meets the requirements will be considered for funding on a first-come first-served basis within the above categories and evaluated by an Open Access committee composed of library staff.

### Eligible publications:

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## Here is the Blog Post we used for Marketing

Health Sciences Library

Open Access Fund Pilot Program

Current Application Period: Now- April 22 2013

### Purpose:

The University of Colorado's Health Sciences Library (HSL) is a keen supporter of innovation in the scholarly communication marketplace; our faculty believes that it is essential to support alternatives. Therefore we are launching a pilot program which is provided as a service to those affiliated with the Anschutz Medical Campus and for authors who do NOT have grant or other financial support for open access publication fees. As the program is designed to support new publications in Open Access journals, awards will not be granted to articles already published. The pilot program will be assessed after a year to determine whether or not this program is a part of the solution in the volatile and changing world of scholarly communications.

### Questions?

Please refer to the [Open Access FAQ's](#), or contact, [jennifer.hicks@ucdenver.edu](mailto:jennifer.hicks@ucdenver.edu), [lilian.hoffecker@ucdenver.edu](mailto:lilian.hoffecker@ucdenver.edu), or [rose.turner@ucdenver.edu](mailto:rose.turner@ucdenver.edu).

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### Requirements:

If you are selected to receive support from the OA Fund you must also:

1. submit your article to the AMC HSL's Institutional Repository for inclusion.
2. complete a short evaluation
3. Copy of invoice or receipt for paid publication fee.

### To Apply:

1. Submit the application <https://hslibrary.ucdenver.edu/OAfundform>
2. Email ([jennifer.hicks@ucdenver.edu](mailto:jennifer.hicks@ucdenver.edu)) a copy of the letter of acceptance from the journal

### Reimbursement Cap:

The maximum dollar amount that the Open Access Fund will reimburse for any single article during the pilot program phase is \$1,000, there will also be a maximum of one article per author per calendar year.

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## Our Selection Guide:

1. Application is submitted
2. Time period is evaluated
  - a. The application is submitted early in the period (within the first month) [1 point]
  - b. The application is submitted within the period [0 points]
3. The article/journal is evaluated
  - a. Is the article already accepted? If no – deny the application
  - b. Is the journal PloS or BMC? – no journal evaluation [5 points]
  - c. The journal is on the DOAJ list – evaluate journal. **If not OA – DENY.** If OA [4 points]
  - d. The journal is not on the DOAJ list – evaluate. **If not OA – DENY.** If OA [3 points]
4. Status is evaluated.
  - a. The applicant/author is a student [15 points]
  - b. The applicant/author is a: resident, post doc, jr. faculty [5 points]
  - c. The applicant/author is any other affiliated campus member [1 point]

Any applications that do not reach a DENY step, should then be arranged according to number of points and accepted in that order until we run out of funding.

