

# Guidelines for Open Access (OA) at VID Specialized University

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*Open Access means that academic publications are freely available, either via open publishing channels (Gold OA) or through the depositing of research results in open institutional academic repositories (Green OA).*

*This policy supports the [National goals and guidelines for open access to research articles](#) issued by the Norwegian Ministry of Education and Research in August 2017.*

**For peer-reviewed research articles, the following applies:**

## **1. Choice of publishing channel**

When choosing between academically equal publishing channels, VID recommends that researchers publish in academic journals/with publishers that give the general public open access to the article/book either in the form of an OA journal/OA book, or by permitting deposition and availability in an institutional academic repository.

## **2. Publishing fund for VID researchers**

Authors who publish in OA journals or in an OA anthology/book must as a rule pay a publication fee. VID has established a publishing fund for academic staff who want to publish with open access and who need financial support to cover the publication fee (known as the article processing charge (APC)).

The head of the Division for Library, Learning Centre and Historical Archives manages the publishing fund on behalf of the Vice Rector Research.

Applications for financial support must be discussed with the head of R&D or the centre head before being submitted to the head of the Division for Library, Learning Centre and Historical Archives by email: [openaccess@vid.no](mailto:openaccess@vid.no)

## **Guidelines for financial support for OA publishing:**

- Support for publishing articles will only be given for journals that are approved publishing channels in the Database for Statistics on Higher Education (DBH). Publishing in reputable international journals (Level 2) is preferred.
- Support for articles is only given for publishing in online-only OA journals. This means that the scheme **does not cover OA publishing in hybrid journals**.
- Support can also be given for OA publishing of books/anthologies with approved publishers.
- For Level 2 articles, NOK 20 000 is the maximum amount that can be applied for, and for Level 1 articles the maximum amount is NOK 10 000.
- For books, the amount applied for will be assessed in relation to the number of VID author shares.
- Support is given only when the article/book has been accepted for publication.
- Support is not given for extra expenses (colour, pages etc.).

- It is primarily the corresponding author who can apply for support. The corresponding author must be affiliated with VID through an employment relationship, and funding is awarded in relation to the author share and the share of publication points allocated to VID.
- When publishing internationally in Level 2 journals, a co-author employed at VID may apply for funding in relation to the author share.
- If an application is rejected, an appeal can be made to the vice rector. His/her decision is final and cannot be appealed.
- The guidelines can be altered without warning, but without retroactive effect on applications that have already been processed.

[Download the application form for support to cover the APC](#)

### **3. Availability of articles in VID:Open**

VID researchers must help to ensure that academic articles and other scientific works are deposited and made openly available via the academic repository VID:Open.

- When registering articles or books in CRISTin, full-text files of the article/book must be uploaded.
- The article/book will be made openly available on VID:Open if the publisher gives permission. If there is an embargo on the article/book, it will be made available when the period of the embargo has expired.
- If the publisher does not permit open access via VID:Open, the article/book will be stored in a closed collection. If one or more of the co-authors do not consent to making the work available, the same will apply.