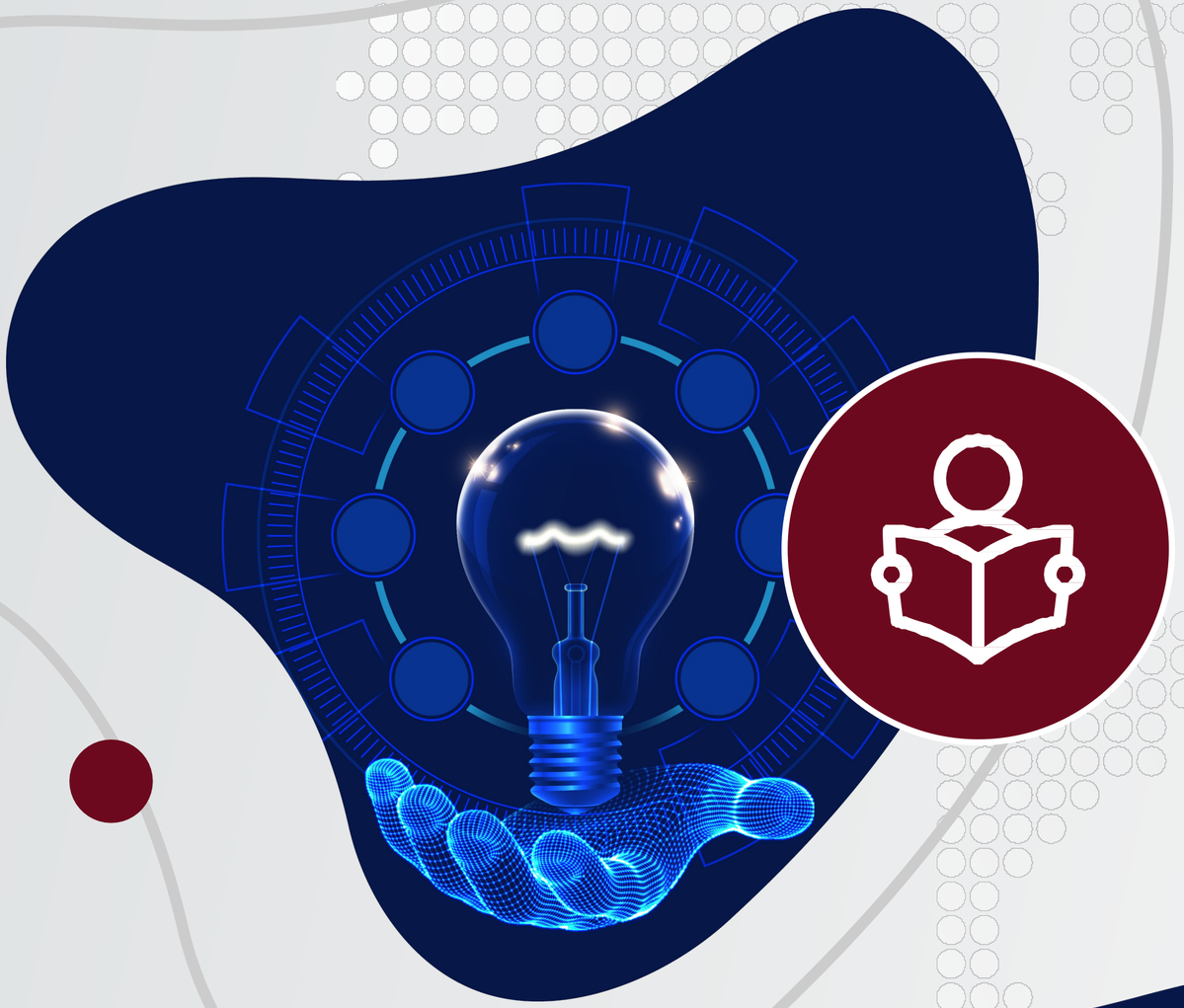

Transformative agreements with scholarly publishers: the Unisa Library's value-add to research impact at Unisa

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Pre-paid gold open access

The Unisa Library & Information Services is pre-paying for Unisa authors to publish articles as gold open access in scholarly academic journals from selected academic publishers by signing new Transformative Agreements (TA's). These TA's cover the page fees (Author Publication Charges – APC's) for accepted manuscripts and enables immediate gold open access availability of articles.

Library Transformative agreements (TA's): triggers driving the change

70% of *library subscription fees* are locked into existing online journal subscription models for reading access behind a paywall, preventing open access.

Roughly ***60% of South African corresponding authorship*** is behind this paywall in closed or hybrid journals as ***gold OA charges / page fees (APC's)*** are ***unaffordable*** *for south African researchers*.

Funders of scholarly research are increasingly requiring the results of this research to be published as gold open access (NRF, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, etc.)

The current commercial publishing model is ***unsustainable*** and is jeopardizing access to scholarly research by forcing research behind a subscription pay-wall

Aim is to bring these institutional investments in scholarly journal publishing ***under institutional oversight and control***, with cost reduction and the ***transitioning publishing*** to gold open access

Institutions (libraries) are negotiating ***Transitional Agreements (TA's)*** in which their previous subscription expenditures are ***repurposed*** to cover the costs of open access publishing of ideally, 100% of the articles produced by their researchers.

The Unisa Library & Information Service is and will be ***participating in several transformative agreements*** enabling Unisa authors to publish gold open access without incurring APC payments.

How transformative agreements help Unisa authors

- Unisa published research is open access available immediately – e-visibility of institution and researcher
- No requirement to find funding to publish OA, specifically young researchers
- Meeting funder requirements for gold OA publishing specifically NRF
- Making articles available as open access immediately help researchers to find citations quicker as citations are measured to be higher than articles behind pay-walls
- Authors retain copyright of their articles

Transformative agreements offered by the Library from 2021:

Cambridge University Press Journals Read and Publish (2021-2024)

- Uncapped: All accepted articles by *Unisa affiliated authors* are automatically published as gold open access.
- ALL APC charges for gold and hybrid journals are included in the Library's annual subscription payment

Association of Computing Machinery - ACM Open (2021-2023)

- Uncapped: All accepted articles by *Unisa affiliated authors* are automatically published as gold open access
- Applicable on all ACM journals and conference proceedings

SCOAP3 (Sponsoring Consortium for Open Access Publishing in Particle Physics) https://scoap3.org/ (2017+)

- % of the library's subscription fee in selected particle physics journals redirected to an open access fund managed by CERN.
- All accepted articles published in participating journals automatically funded as gold OA

Transformative agreements from 2022:

Sage Journals Read and Publish (2022-2024)

- Uncapped: All accepted articles by *Unisa affiliated authors* are automatically published as gold open access.
- 920 hybrid Sage journals. 20% discount on APC's for fully gold OA journals

Wiley Journals Open (2022-2025)

- Capped article entitlement for participating institutions: 823 articles in 2022, 1,029 (2023), 1,338 (2024), 1,806 (2025)
- 1,364 hybrid journals included, plus 286 fully gold OA and Hindawi open access journals

Emerald eJournals Premier Read and Publish (2022-2024)

- Capped article entitlement for participating institutions: 116 in 2022, 140 (2023), 165 (2024)
- 259 hybrid journals

New transformative agreements in negotiation by SANLiC (SA National Library and Information Consortium):

New contracts are identified as existing contracts with libraries are ending

Journal publishers identified for 2023 negotiations:

- American Chemical Society
- Institute of Physics
- Oxford University Press Journals
- Elsevier ScienceDirect Journals
- Springer Nature Journals

For 2024 and beyond:

- Royal Society of Chemistry
- Taylor & Francis Journals

How to publish gold OA with the support of the Unisa Library

Choose the journal that best fits your work

Submit your manuscript according to the journal's instructions

Upon acceptance, follow the publisher's instructions and choose open access

Select Institutional affiliation and a Creative Commons license

Gold open access funding will either be applied automatically or go through for confirmation for approval of allocation from agreement.

Receive confirmation that your article is published, and OA funding has been covered.

Citation metrics of an article published in 2021 as gold OA in Cambridge Journals under the new agreement

COVID-19 and the Violation of the Right to Basic Education of Learners with Disabilities in South Africa: An Examination of *Centre for Child Law v Minister of Basic Education*

Published online by Cambridge University Press: **10 September 2021**

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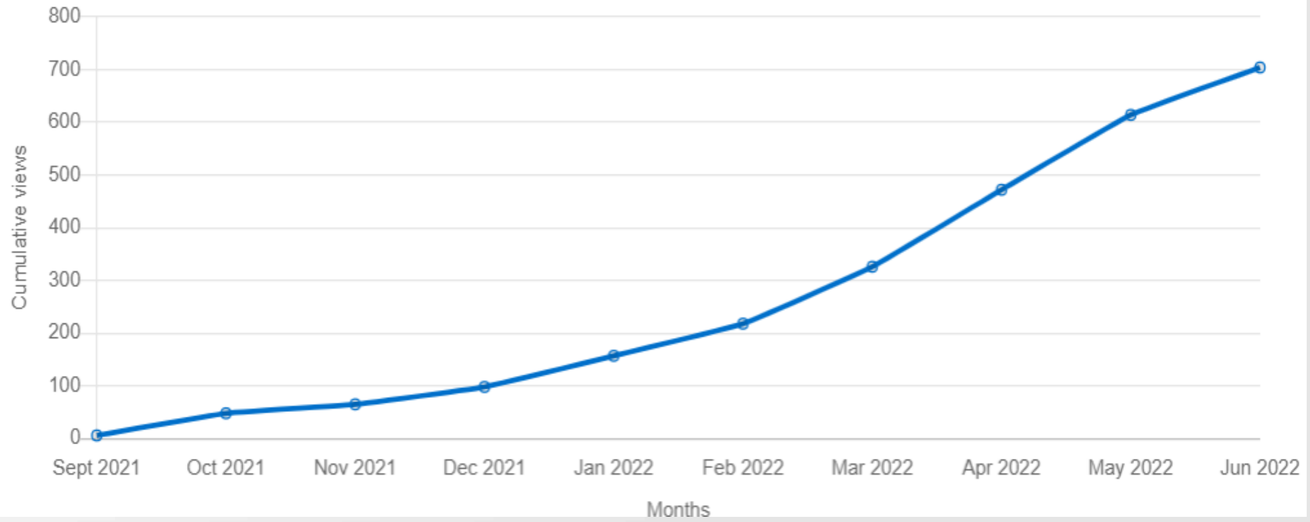
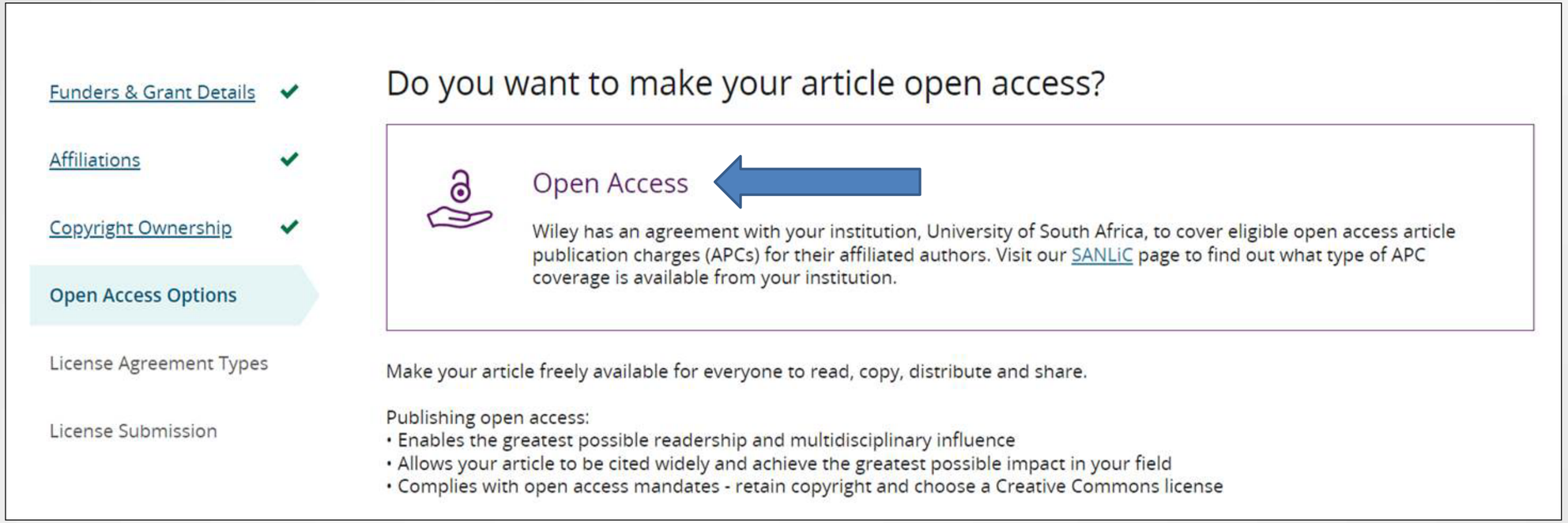


Unisa articles published gold OA in Wiley journals 2022



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Making your gold OA article count and increase citations:

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Register for your ORCiD identifier (www.orcid.org). This is required by scholarly publishers and raise your e-visibility.

Select journals included in the Library's transformative agreements that enables open access publication.

That will ensure that your article will not languish behind a paywall to be read only by other researchers at subscribing institutions.

Upload the published article into the **Unisa institutional repository** and broaden access to your research through Google Scholar and indexing services.

Promote your open access article **on social media**, conferences and other open platforms.

Read more:

Unisa Library LibGuide on Transformative Agreements:

https://libguides.unisa.ac.za/c.php?g=1135693

South African National Licensing Consortium (SANLiC) framework for transformational open access agreements published in July 2021: https://sanlic.org.za/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/SANLiC_Publisher_Communique_TransformatoinalAgreementsJuly2021open_distribtution.pdf

NEW: List of journals covered by the Read and Publish agreements available:

https://sanlic.org.za/overview/ Indication of DHET subsidy list will be added soon.

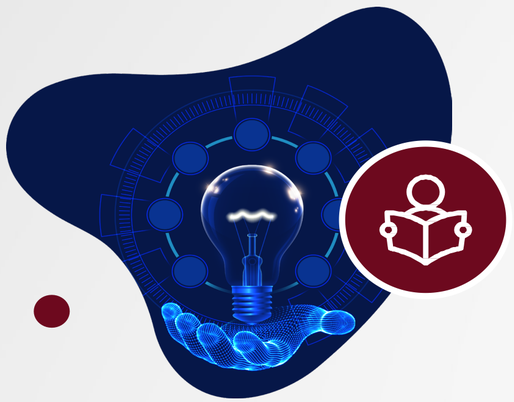
Negotiation principles for the transformational transition to open access.

Open Access 2020: https://oa2020.org/

Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities

https://openaccess.mpg.de/Berlin-Declaration

ESAC Community of Practice for the management and assessment of transformative agreements: https://esac-initiative.org/

RingGold – making sense of your organizational data: https://www.ringgold.com/

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