

OPEN ACCESS

Publishing Support Program

OPEN ACCESS is a publishing support program available to all faculty in the college of engineering (CENGR). The program provides limited funds to faculty researchers to partially cover the costs of Open Access (OA) publishing in reputed journals. Open Access publishing is gaining popularity as journal articles published through open access gain more readership, are cited more frequently and thus could be more impactful.

OA publishing can prove to be difficult if the faculty researcher has not budgeted the funds for publishing costs in their grants. Thus, all CENGR faculty are encouraged to include publication costs in their proposal budgets. Unless there are other discount agreements in place between the faculty researcher and the OA publisher, the CENGR research office will provide funds up to **\$1000** to partially cover the cost of OA publishing, subject to the availability of funds. This support program will only cover the primary charges of OA publisher and does not cover additional costs such as cover arts or graphical illustrations. The [UGA Libraries](#) currently have deals in place with Wiley and Cambridge University press that allow free Open Access publishing in many of their journals for UGA authors.

The OA publishing cost could be shared between the faculty member, their home school and the College of engineering research office. The College of engineering research office will provide their 1/3rd or 1/4th cost share for up to \$1000, regardless of the total publishing cost charged by the journal. The remaining cost is to be shared by the faculty and their home school as per the distribution below .

- The expected share is 1/3rd by CENGR research office (max \$1000), 1/3rd by faculty and 1/3rd by school.
- For faculty who belong to a center or an institute within CENGR, the expected share is 1/4th by CENGR research office (max \$1000), 1/4th by faculty, 1/4th by school and 1/4th by center/institute.

Faculty should first secure a commitment from their School Chair and/or Director of Center/Institute, for partial defrayment of the costs for OA publishing.

Eligibility: The following criteria will be used for evaluation of the applications for this support program:

- The publication should reflect work done primarily by the engineering faculty member's (applicant) project or research laboratory, and the applicant must be the first, senior or corresponding author. Each school, discipline or program may define senior author differently.
- Journals could be reputable traditional journals with an OA option, or OA-only journals registered with [DOAJ](#).
- Accepted manuscripts will receive high priority, however new and future submissions will also be considered if the article is to be published before the end of the fiscal year cycle.

Application Instructions:

- Deadline: Reviewed **throughout the year**, pending funds availability.
- Applications must be submitted via email to Joyce Rice (jrrice@uga.edu) as a single PDF with "OPEN ACCESS APPLICATION" as subject line. The PDF must combine the following documents:
 1. A letter of request for funding describing the reputation of the journal and the potential impact of your publication.
 2. A letter/email from the journal showing evidence of acceptance of manuscript for publication.
 3. Evidence from journal showing the publication costs (specific to your article if available).
 4. Support letter(s) from School Chair, Center/Institute Directors, with cost-share commitments.