

## **Message from Nishan Canagarajah, Pro-VC for Research and Enterprise:**

**Subject:** Changes to Open Access Funding

Dear colleagues

I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of making your research publications available through the institutional repository ([Pure](#)). By making your work Open Access, you ensure that as many people as possible who need your research can read it, regardless of their circumstances. This is in line with the University's policy and is a compliance requirement under UKRI Research Council, COAF (Charities Open Access Fund) and REF policies. There is also a noted citation advantage to making your work available through OA, the SPARC website has a [list of the studies](#) if you want to investigate this further.

In May 2018 the University's Research Committee approved a revised approach for allocating funds from the RCUK and COAF Open Access block grant for Article Processing Charges (APCs). This is in response to increasing demand and costs for APCs; it will allow the University to best manage the limited funds in our external grants and ensure that authors remain free to choose where to publish their work.

The revised approach is as follows:

- The University continues to favour the Green (self-archiving) route. See below for details.
- Funding received from RCUK and COAF to support Gold (paid) open access will continue to be used to pay Article Processing Charges (APC) for publication in fully Gold open access journals.
- While funds remain available, they will also be used to support the payment of APCs in hybrid journals where the publisher supports the transition to full open access. Some of these publishers offer discounts, rebates and prepayment agreements to help manage open access processes for researchers and administrative staff. There is a [list of these publishers](#) available.
- It will no longer be possible to pay for articles to be published in other hybrid journals through the OA block grants.
- The situation will be regularly reviewed and may need to change based on availability of funds

### **What do I need to do to make my publication available through the Green route?**

- Deposit the full text (including figures) of your [author accepted manuscript](#) (of articles and conference papers with an ISSN) into [Pure](#) within 3 months of the date of acceptance
- Include the full acceptance date on your [Pure](#) record (the OA team will validate dates of acceptance against external sources, where available)

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Kind regards

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