

What to do when there is no COAF funding remaining

COAF provide funding for the Article Processing Charges (APCs) for gold open access publications. When this funding runs out, authors need to make alternative arrangements to ensure that their work is Open Access, in line with the COAF Open Access policy.

COAF permit green open access, but only in journals with an embargo period of 6 months or less. You can check the embargo required by your journal using Sherpa/Romeo. If the journal has an appropriate embargo you can comply with the policy by uploading a copy to Pure and uploading a copy to PubMed Central.

Funder Specific advice

Several of the individual COAF charities have provided instructions for recipients of their grants in these circumstances. These are outlined below:

Arthritis Research UK (now Versus Arthritis)

Once the block grant runs out, you can apply direct to Arthritis Research UK (by emailing research@arthritisresearchuk.org) to request open access funding.

Alternatively, authors can comply with Versus Arthritis policy by self-archiving their publication in Europe PubMed Central (Europe PMC) within six months of publication.

Bloodwise

Researchers may use any unspent grant money to pay for APCs or contact Bloodwise (research@bloodwise.org.uk) to discuss their situation.

Alternatively, authors can comply with the policy by self-archiving their paper in Europe PMC within six months of publication if the publisher permits.

British Heart Foundation (BHF)

Open access fees will be paid by BHF on a case-by-case basis. Please email BHF for more information at: research@bhf.org.uk

Cancer Research UK (CRUK)

The advice for researchers is to either:

- pay for the APC using any underspend from your CRUK response-mode grant, or use other funding sources you may have access to, or
- publish in a journal that allows self-deposit within 6 months of publishing (this would be green open access and compliant with CRUK's policy).

The FAQ section on the CRUK website may help answer any additional queries, but do please contact them (policies@cancer.org.uk) if you require any further advice.

Parkinson's UK

Authors may use any unspent grant money to pay for APCs or contact Parkinson's UK (researchapplications@parkinsons.org.uk) to discuss their situation.

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Wellcome Trust

The Wellcome Trust provide the university with additional funding to support their papers if the COAF block grant has run out. Wellcome-funded authors are advised to continue to submit requests for APCs via our online claim form.