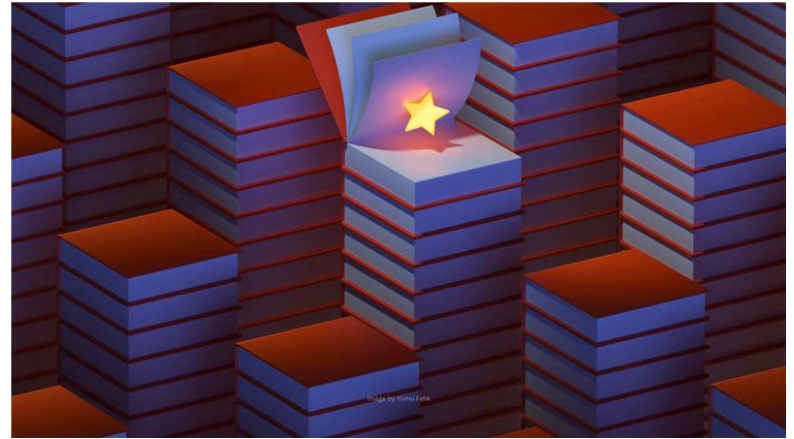


# Publishing Open

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# Learning outcomes

By the end of this workshop, you will:

- Understand the value and impact of publishing open access
  - Learn how to use the Journal Search Tool to identify eligible journals and publisher agreements
  - Know what alternative options exist when funding or waivers aren't available
  - Learn how to evaluate journals
  - Understand the value of retaining your rights
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# What is open access?

Open access (OA) refers to scholarly literature that is digital, online, free of charge, and free of most copyright and reuse restrictions.

Suber, 2012

The three OA agreements:

- Budapest OA Initiative (2002)
- Bethesda Statement on OA Publishing (2003)
- Berlin Declaration on OA to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities (2003)





# Why publish open access

- **Granting agencies require authors make a version of work OA**
  - [Draft, Revised Tri-Agency Open Access Policy on Publications \(2025\)](#)
- **Citation advantage** for OA articles
  - Noticed & cited at higher rates than subscription access articles ([Ottaviani, 2016](#))
  - More diverse citations ([Huang et al., 2024](#))
- **Increases information equity**
- **Retain copyright** and control of your own work



# OA journal publishing business models

Type	Description	Researcher role / responsibility
<b>Gold</b>	Articles are made OA immediately on publication. All gold journals charge an article processing charge (APC) to the author	Plan to pay for APCs
<b>Diamond</b>	Articles are OA immediately on publication. Free to readers and authors (no APC is charged).	No charges
<b>Hybrid</b>	Subscription journals that offer OA at the article level. Some articles will be behind a paywall, others will be OA.  Costs: \$100 – \$8,000 USD	Plan for APCs if you want to make your article OA



# Support for OA publishing (SOAP) at UVic

- Access to subscription content + publishing fees in one agreement = **read & publish**
- Some publishers offer 100% waivers, others offer discounts



# Let's look at an example



I have an article (not yet submitted):

- Not sure which journal to submit to
- I am considering journals X,Y,Z, do they have a 100% waiver

Journal Search Tool – DEMO

Use your @uvic.ca email for submission



# Alternative options

I can't find any discounts available, and I cannot afford to pay the APC fee

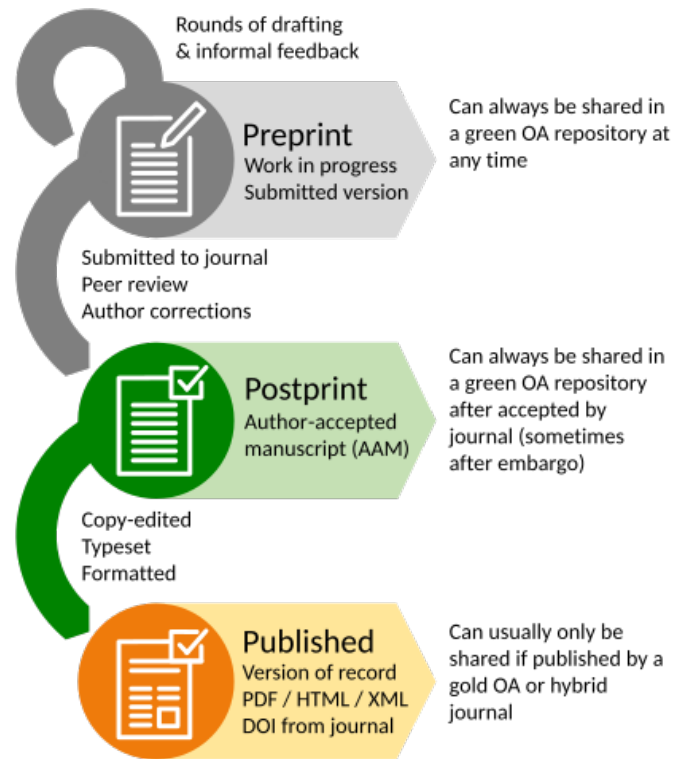
- Subscription journal and self-archive
  - Find an OA journal in the DOAJ
- Evaluate the legitimacy of a journal

# Self-archiving – “GREEN” Option

Individuals can self-archive work in

- Institutional repository (e.g., UVicSpace)
- Subject-based repositories (e.g., arXiv)

Email [scholcom@uvic.ca](mailto:scholcom@uvic.ca) for help





# Alternative options

- Find other OA journals
  - Directory of Open Access Journals
- Evaluate the journal you found:
  - Scholarly Publishing + Open Access library guide





# Who owns copyright?

Author/Creator	Publisher/Distributor	Employer
Owns copyright until they transfer	Owns copyright when author transfer right through publication agreement	At UVic employee owns copyright on creative works
Always owns moral rights associated with the work		





# Thank you

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## Resources

- [Journal Search Tool](#)
- [Scholarly Publishing + Open Access guide](#)
- [ORCID guide](#)
- [Library workshops](#)



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