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# How Transformative Agreements Support Sustainable OA Publishing for Authors

Author Workflow under Springer Nature TA

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# AGENDA

1. **About Springer Nature**
2. **Open science and open access: why it matters**
3. **What is a Transformative Agreement (TA)**
4. **The author journey: publishing under a springer nature ta**
5. **Questions & Answers**

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## **OPEN SCIENCE AND OPEN ACCESS: WHY IT MATTERS**

# SOLVING THE WORLD'S GREATEST CHALLENGES DEPENDS ON OPEN SCIENCE

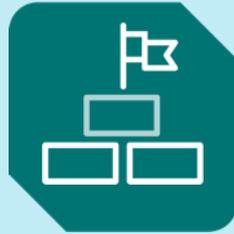
OS ensures that all aspects of research are open to all including data, code, protocols, etc.

Opening up research increases its use and re-use, speeds up scientific advances, delivers efficiencies for research, fosters collaboration between disciplines, enables easier translation into economic and social impact, and improves trust in science.

It is only by opening all outputs of research that the world will be able to:



**Create** faster and more effective research systems sustainably and at-scale



**Build** an equitable research landscape



**Protect** and enhance research integrity



**Work** towards solving the world's greatest challenges

# Transitioning to Open Access and Open Research

## Case study: Open Research and COVID-19

### WE MADE SURE RESEARCH WAS AVAILABLE AS FAST AS POSSIBLE



Partnered with WHO and White House OSTP



Published over **62,500** pieces of research on COVID-19



Made over **70,000** articles and book chapters related to COVID free to access



Made available, via Research Square, over **10,000** COVID-19 preprint articles



#### RESULT



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## WHAT IS OPEN ACCESS (OA)?

OA is the foundation of our support for open science. But how do you define it?



**OA content is open to all,  
with no access fees.**

### Open Access (OA)

- **Free,**
- **Immediate**
- **And online availability**



**Of all  
research  
outputs**



combined with  
**rights to use** outputs fully  
in digital environment

# WHY SHOULD I PUBLISH OA?

Publishing Open Access offers a number of benefits...

1

**Increased citation and usage**

Studies have shown that open access articles are viewed and cited more often than articles behind a paywall.

2

**Compliance with open access mandates**

Open access journals comply with major funding policies internationally.

3

**Wider collaboration**

Open access publications and data enable researchers to carry out collaborative research on a global scale.

4

**Greater public engagement**

Content is available to those who can't access subscription content.

5

**Faster impact**

With permissive licences like CC BY, researchers are empowered to build on existing research quickly.

6

**Increased interdisciplinary conversation**

Open access journals that cross multiple disciplines help researchers connect more easily and provide greater visibility of the research.

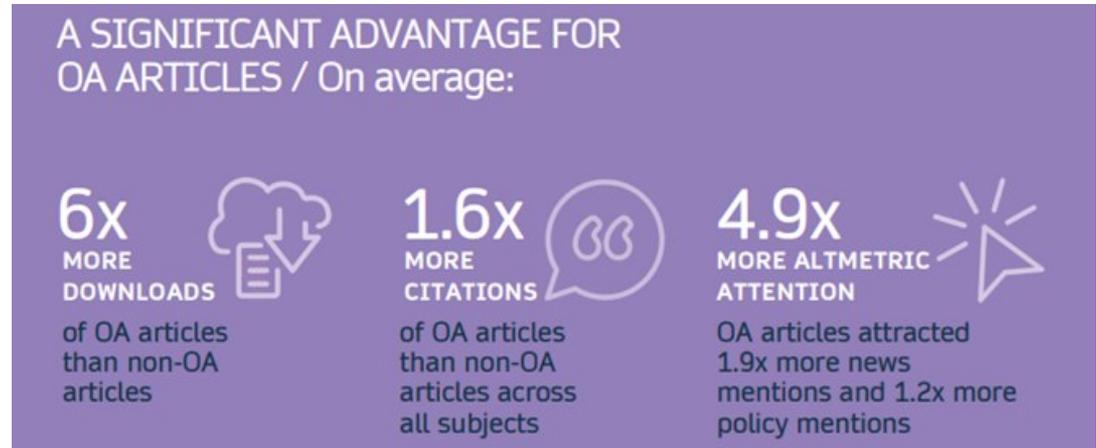
# OA ARTICLES DELIVER MORE IMPACT

OA articles get significantly more downloads and citations than non-OA articles

A Springer Nature [white paper](#) analysed 60,000+ articles published in 1,200+ hybrid journals.

It found that Gold OA articles:

- Were **downloaded 6.02 times more** than non-OA articles
- Were **cited 1.64 times more** than non-OA articles
- Gained **4.91 times higher Altmetric Attention** than non-OA articles



**Source:** <https://www.springernature.com/gp/open-science/journals-books/journals/going-for-gold-reach-and-impact>

# Why Open Access has to be Gold

Gold OA publishing offers simplest, most open & most sustainable route to open science

Factor	Gold OA	Green OA
 Timing	✓ Available <u>immediately</u> on publication.	X
 Version	✓ Final published <u>version of record (VOR)</u>	X
 Location and discoverability	✓ Easily discoverable on <u>publisher's platform</u> , alongside other relevant content	X
 Integrity of scientific record	✓ VOR is maintained, updated for any post-publication corrections, and linked to by the publisher, ensuring clear and <u>accurate scientific record</u> in perpetuity	X
 Licensing	✓ <u>Open licence</u> (e.g. CC BY) allows users to build on, adapt, and share onwards	X
 Path to open science	✓ Can be bi-directionally <u>linked</u> to open data sets and protocols, as well as included in open metrics, and complying with open standards	X
 Viability of full OA transition	✓ Editorial & publishing activities and infrastructure funded via APCs / transformative agreements – <u>transition to full OA possible and sustainable in the long-term</u>	X

**ONLY GOLD OA SUPPORTS OPEN SCIENCE**

# 2

## What is a Transformative Agreement (TA)

# WHAT IS A FULLY OPEN ACCESS AGREEMENT (FOA) AT SPRINGER NATURE?

## Transformative Agreement (TA)

**Arrangement** between institutions (libraries/consortia/societies) and publishers that **covers OA publishing costs** withing the **Springer hybrid portfolio** for **affiliated authors**. TAs help institutions **reduce administration** whilst also providing a more **streamlined publishing process** for authors.



# BENEFITS OF TRANSFORMATIVE AGREEMENTS

1

## Maximises access

TAs cover OA and increased subscription article access in institutions

2

## Flexible budgets

TAs can enable centrally negotiated and controlled costs

3

## Time efficient

TAs minimise researcher work/time involved, researcher training and institutional costs of handling thousands of APC transactions

4

## Sustainable

TAs scale, can cover all institutions/authors, and be sustainable over long-term as they are negotiated and funded

5

## Equitable

TAs improve equity via pooled funding spreading benefits and costs across different disciplines and across diverse consortia member institutions

6

## Controlled

TAs provide institutions with negotiated thresholds, control over author entitlements, and centralised compliance management

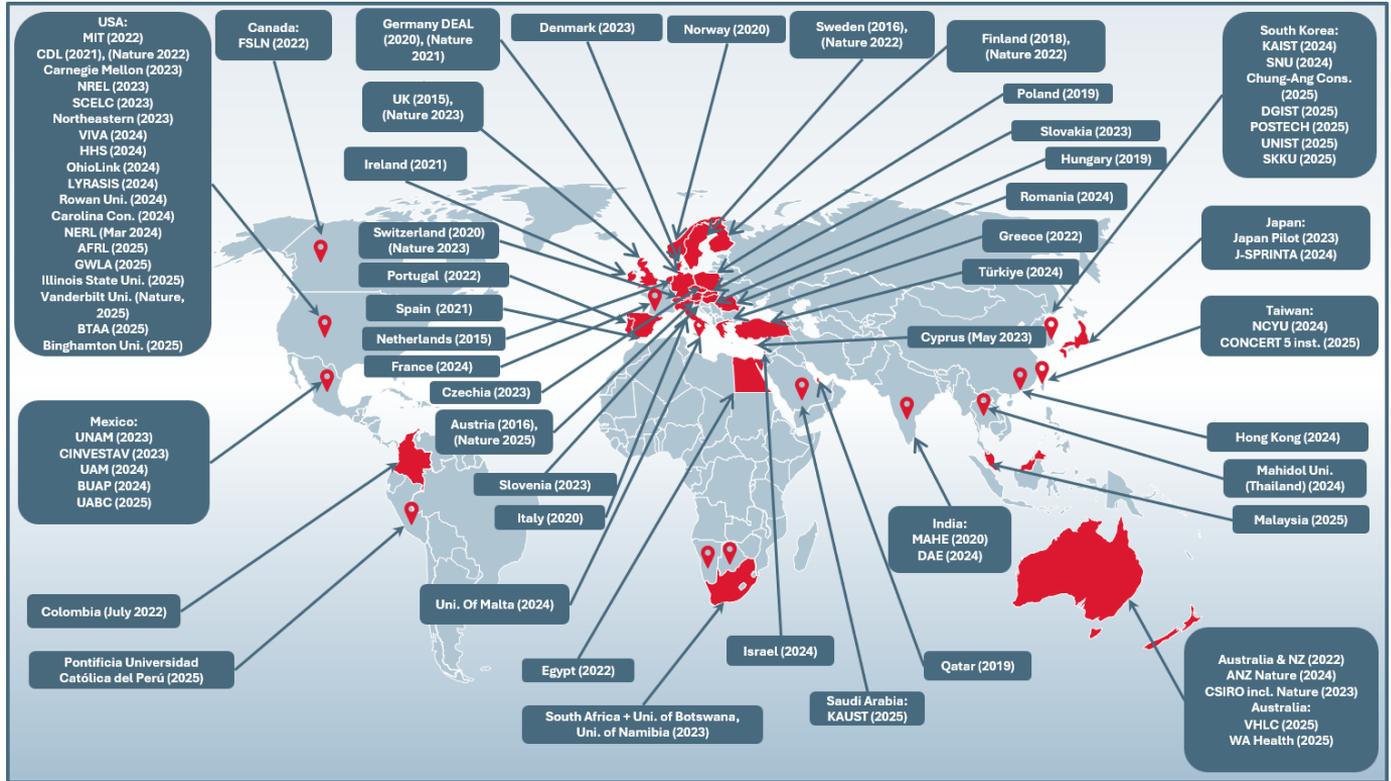
# BENEFITS OF TRANSFORMATIVE AGREEMENTS



Transformative Agreements (TAs) powered **10 x more gold OA articles** in 2024, up from 7x in 2023

In Springer hybrid titles rather than via author choice.

Source: Springer Nature data.



# WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

## How to know if you can apply for funding for your article

If **you can say YES** to these statements, you are **ready for publication** under the TA:

“I am **affiliated** with an eligible institution”

*You must identify yourself during the author identification process. The institution selected during this process should be your primary affiliation, as this institution will be asked to verify eligibility.*

“My article has been **accepted** by an eligible hybrid journal”

“I am the **corresponding author\***”

“My **article** matches one of these **types**: Original Paper, Review Paper, Continuing Education”

\*Acting as main contact for Springer Nature correspondence

# WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER TO BUILD A FULLY OA FUTURE – ARE YOU READY? 19

No country, no institution, no researcher left behind

“Our goal is to drive a **sustainable and equitable** transition to OA, which retains **trust and integrity** at its core. As an industry and an entire research community, we **need to work together** to reach a fully OA future.”

**Frank Vrancken Peeters**  
Chief Executive



# 3

**THE AUTHOR JOURNEY:  
PUBLISHING UNDER A  
SPRINGER NATURE TA**

# 3.1

## Introduction to Open Access Publishing Services

# AGREEMENT WEBSITE

## Author information page

- List of Participating Institutions
- List of Eligible Journals
- Imprints Included
- Eligible Article Types
- FAQs

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## Open access agreement for MALMAD

Information for authors

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Learn more about your eligibility

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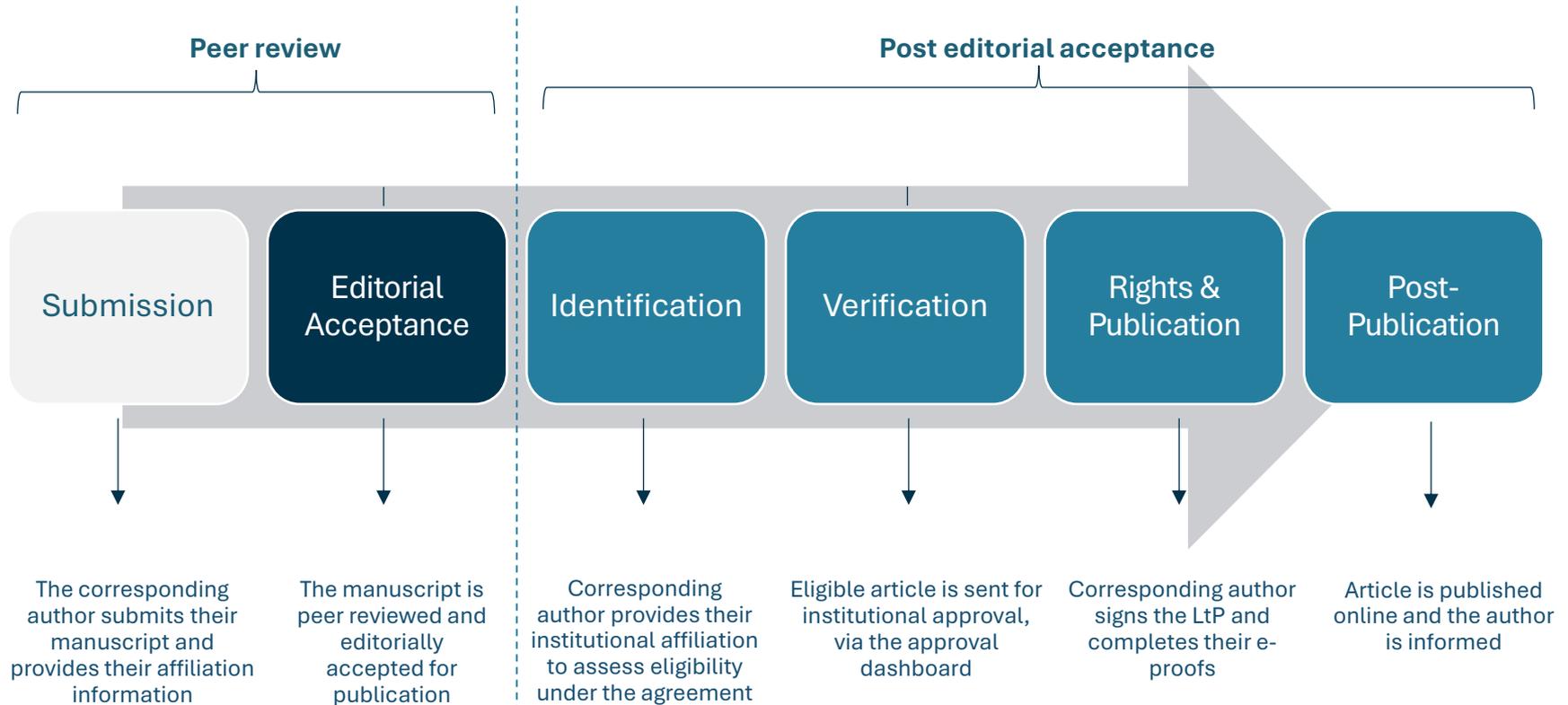
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### Participating institutions

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✓ Afeka College of Engineering		
✓ Ariel University		

# OPEN ACCESS PUBLISHING PROCESS

## From submission to post publication



# 3.2

## Author Identification

# IDENTIFICATION

## Support for authors

Springer Nature offers author support throughout the entire publishing process

Useful resources include:

- [Author helpdesk](#)
- [Open access agreements](#)
- [Country and agreement-specific webpages with information about participating institutions, eligible journals](#)

### Learn more about your eligibility

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## Open access agreements

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Publishing your article open access (OA) can bring you several benefits, including increased downloads and citations—and make your research more accessible to readers globally.

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Upcoming author webinars
 

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Publishing your article through an OA agreement is the easiest route to OA for eligible authors

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Your institution's OA agreement with Springer Nature may provide:

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### Submitted for approval

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## Useful Resources

# GLOSSARY I

## Useful terms

Acronym & Term	Definition
Article Approval Service (AAS)	Springer Nature-owned platform used by registered Approval Managers to action open access funding requests and by internal stakeholders to monitor the activities of a Transformative Agreement, standalone membership, or BioMed Central account
Approval Manager (AM)	Institutional or consortium contact(s) in charge of actioning articles submitted to their AAS for open access publishing by affiliated authors
Approve / Reject	Task carried out by the AM(s) of a specific agreement. Approving an article equates to accepting to bear the costs of open access publishing in a Springer journal. If a funding request is rejected, perhaps because an author is not affiliated or the article type is not covered by the license, the author is informed and asked to cover the costs of oa publishing themselves

## GLOSSARY II

### Useful terms

Acronym & Term	Definition
Open Access Publishing Services	Process of publishing an article open access (OA) in a Springer Nature Hybrid or Fully Open Access journal with the Article Processing Charge (APC) covered by an active agreement
Author Journey/ Payments and Rights System	Post-editorial acceptance process in which the corresponding author is asked to confirm their eligibility and submit a funding request for open access publishing under an active agreement
Corresponding Author	Person responsible for the manuscript during the submission and production process. For open access publishing services, it is the corresponding author who signs the publishing agreement, and it is their affiliation which is used for identification of potential APC coverage

# GLOSSARY III

## Useful terms

Acronym & Term	Definition
Editorial Acceptance Date	Date of acceptance of a manuscript for publication by the journal's editorial staff
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