WHY OPEN ACCESS?

**Ethical reasons:** results of scholarly research should be available to general public and to scholars all over the world

**Academic reasons:** proven increase in visibility and use; OA mandates from funders and governments

**Financial reasons:** cost of academic publishing

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**HOW OPEN ACCESS?**

**Non-profit OA**

- green OA (self-archiving)
- full gold OA with cost-effective APCs/BPCs
- full gold no-APC/no-BPC OA (a.k.a. “diamond” or “platinum”)
- black OA (a.k.a. illegal, rogue)

**For-profit OA**

- hybrid OA
- full gold OA

Price of APC/BPC is determined by profit margin

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**KU LEUVEN FUND FOR FAIR OPEN ACCESS**

**LAUNCH:** March 2018

**MISSION:** foster the development of new and innovative publishing models which are cost-effective and put scholars back in charge of the dissemination of their research results

**HOW:** provide financial support for fair OA monographs (BPCs), articles (APCs) and non-profit OA initiatives; the Fund only endorses non-profit gold OA that is in line with the principles of fair OA. The Fund is managed by KU Leuven Libraries and overseen by a committee presided over by the vice rector of Research Policy.

**GOAL:** fully embrace fair OA instead of for-profit models and instigate a sustainable evolution in scientific publishing

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**WHAT**

BPCs for OA books published by Leuven University Press

- LUP charges a cost-effective, rather than commercial, BPC and is therefore in line with the most important aim of the Fund to only endorse non-profit, fair OA
- LUP is recognized as a Compliant OA Book Publisher

**WHO**

Open to all researchers

- Authors with KU Leuven affiliation: financial support for 2/3 of the BPC, the remaining 1/3 has to be financed by their own funds (fee waiver possible)
- Authors without KU Leuven affiliation: financial support for 1/3 of the BPC, the remaining 2/3 has to be financed by their own funds

**HOW**

1. Manuscript submission to LUP
2. Evaluation by editorial board
3. Peer review
4. Following a positive evaluation and review, LUP will submit an application to the KU Leuven Fund for Fair OA committee on behalf of the author

**WHEN**

Submissions are reviewed twice a year by the KU Leuven Fund for Fair OA Committee

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**TEMPORARY CONCLUSIONS**

**BPC**

13 book projects have been approved, of which 9 by KU Leuven authors and 4 by external authors, amounting to €68,103 (VAT included) paid by the KU Leuven Fund for Fair OA

**APC**

28 applications, of which 16 were approved and 12 rejected, with an average APC cost of €734.56 (VAT included)

Division per research group:

- Science, Engineering and Technology: 13 – 8 approved, 5 rejected
- Humanities and Social Sciences: 12 – 8 approved, 4 rejected
- Biomedical Sciences: 3 – 3 rejected

**ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Effective support for OA monographs
- Educate academics about the differences between for-profit and non-profit publishing
- KU Leuven has fully embraced fair OA

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**OA INITIATIVES**

The Fund financially supports non-profit OA initiatives, such as the Directory of Open Access Journals, the Fair Open Access Alliance and a number of preprint services, provided that the scientific quality is guaranteed and non-profit principles are applied.

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