Overview
The Furman University Libraries Open Access Fund (FUL OA Fund) evidences its commitment to supporting both open access publishing and the creation of scholarship by faculty, researchers, and students across campus. The goal of the fund is to facilitate more choice in publishing venue by helping to offset the cost of Article Processing Charges (APCs) for Furman authors. It allows authors to consider a broader audience, retain more of their rights, and realize the benefits of Open Access without sacrificing funds that might otherwise go towards research, travel, or student support.

Author Eligibility
- Furman University faculty, adjunct faculty, researchers, post-docs, staff, and students in all disciplines are eligible to apply.
- In the case of cross-institutional co-authors, fees are pro-rated. The fee will be divided equally among all authors up to the $3,000 caps. Reimbursements will only be applied to Furman authors.

Publication Eligibility
Only peer-review, fully open access works published in reputable titles are eligible. “Reputability” will be determined by the Furman University Libraries in consultation with the applicant, the Directory of Open Access Journals and the Open Access Scholarly Publishers Association.

The publication must:

- conduct peer review;
- have policies and practices consistent with the Open Access Scholarly Publishers Association Code of Conduct or be listed in the Directory of Open Access Journals or the Directory of Open Access Books;
- publish its standard fee schedule; and
- allow the author to retain copyright and/or distribution rights to the final version.

Some subscription-based journals offer authors the option of paying a fee to make their specific article immediately and freely available online. These hybrid journals will be considered if they meet the same publication eligibility requirements listed above.

Priorities
- Priority will be given to applicants who do not have access to funding to pay for these expenses.
- Works featuring Furman student-faculty collaborations are particularly encouraged to apply.

Funding Restrictions
- Funding may cover publication fees, submission fees, or illustration fees.
- Funding will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis up until the funding for a given year is exhausted.
The maximum funding reimbursement for any single article is $3,000.
In the case of cross-institutional co-authors, fees are pro-rated. The fee will be divided equally among all authors up to the $3,000 cap. Funding reimbursements will only be applied to Furman authors.
In an academic year, a Furman author can receive maximum reimbursements of $3,000. In the case of works with multiple Furman authors, reimbursements are pro-rated. The reimbursement will be divided equally among all Furman authors up to the $3,000 caps. Unused funds cannot be rolled over to future years.

External Funding Eligibility
Researchers receiving support from a granting agency, foundation, or other institution that allows grant funds to be used for open access publishing fees (e.g., NIH) are still eligible for this fund, but must use all available external funding before seeking the FUL OA Fund support.

If available, discretionary department or university funds may also be used to subsidize OA publishing. In these situations, monies from the FUL OA Fund may be combined with those from a department, program, or personal funds.

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FUSE Deposit Requirement
The final published version of a funded publication will be deposited in the Furman University Scholar Exchange (FUSE).

Application and Review Process
To apply, an author must submit a completed FUL OA Fund application: https://libguides.furman.edu/oa-fund.

The request will be reviewed for eligibility by representative(s) from the Furman University Libraries, and the applicant will be informed whether it has been approved.

The Libraries will pay the publisher directly as soon as possible upon receipt of an official publisher’s invoice. An invoice must indicate what portion of the fee the FUL OA Fund will be paying on behalf of the submitting Furman author(s).