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Open access reading and publishing of articles in Germany

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Publishing with Projekt DEAL

Projekt DEAL, established by the Alliance of German Science Organizations, seeks to increase the reach and impact of German scholarship by securing the opportunity for authors to publish their scholarly articles open access in the journals most relevant to their research, while reducing and rationalizing the overall cost of scholarly communication. As both a major subscriber to scholarly content and producer of scholarship,

DEAL is leveraging the collective position of hundreds of German universities and research institutions, to negotiate central agreements with the academic publishers with whom German authors most frequently publish — Elsevier, Springer Nature and Wiley — to deliver authors the benefits of an open scholarly communication system under which authors retain their copyrights (CC-BY license) and former subscription payments are used, instead, as funding support for open access publishing.

These transformative agreements are part of the global movement to break down barriers to research and transition scholarly journals to open access.

OA publishing by default and full reading access

In 2019, DEAL concluded transformative agreements with Wiley (starting January 2019) and Springer Nature (starting January 2020), so that **your articles accepted for publication in Springer Nature and Wiley journals can now be published immediately Open Access**, making your research more

Benefits for authors

- The DEAL agreements bring **open access to your publications** and **massively extent access to the major publishers' journal portfolios**.
- Transformative agreements ensure that **no more extra payments are required** for publishing your article Open Access in an otherwise closed access journal. Instead, former subscription expenditures are repurposed for the coverage of publishing fees.
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visible, freely and legally accessible by scholars and scientists from around the globe.

The agreements are conceived as **all-in**, meaning that **all articles** from the ca. 800 institutions included in Project DEAL **will be published Open Access** unless you as an author actively choose not to.

At the same time, the agreements **massively increase your access to scholarly journals**, as all participating institutions receive access to the publishers' full journal portfolios, in perpetuity, by default, independent of their size and former subscription schemes.

What about the costs?

Transitioning scholarly journals from closed to open access is a huge task and the DEAL agreements constitute a giant step forward in this global movement to render scholarly communication more impactful and sustainable.

Nevertheless, reorganizing institutional budgets around open access publishing takes time and, while former subscription fees will be used fully toward the relative PAR fees (Publish-And-Read fee) for publishing in subscription journals, not every institution may yet be in a position to fully cover the costs of publishing in fully (gold) Open Access journals, even with the agreed 20% discount on list APCs.

In any case, fees for open access publishing in fully (gold) Open Access journals will be managed via the central DEAL agreement in the first instance, which means that **the publisher will not invoice you directly for APCs**. It is nevertheless possible that your institution will later pass some or all of these costs on to authors or faculties. If you are unsure of how costs are being managed at your institution, please contact your library or institute administration.

Current agreements

	Wiley	Springer Nature
Agreement period	2019-2021 ¹ with optional renewal for 2022	2020-2022 ² with optional renewal for 2023
OA publishing in subscription (closed access) journals	Publish Open Access in over 1,400 Wiley (hybrid) subscription journals ("Wiley Online Open"), such as <i>Angewandte Chemie</i> , <i>EMBO</i> , and <i>Advanced Materials</i> . A small number of subscription journals do not yet offer open access publishing, but will be transitioned into the OA publishing scheme of the agreement in the course of the contract period.	Publish Open Access in around 1,900 Springer (hybrid) subscription journals ("Open Choice"). <i>Nature</i> and <i>Nature</i> -branded journals are not included in the agreement, nor are purely professional journals (including but not limited to ATZ, MTZ) and magazines (including but not limited to <i>Scientific American</i> or <i>Spektrum der Wissenschaft</i>).
Publishing in fully OA journals	Publish in around 100 Wiley Open Access journals (e.g. <i>Advanced Science</i>), with a 20% DEAL discount granted on the APC list prices. ³	Publish in around 600 Springer Nature fully Open Access journals (e.g. <i>Scientific Reports</i> , <i>Nature Communications</i>) and Open Access brands (eg SpringerOpen journals, Nature Partner Journals, BioMed Central titles) with a 20% DEAL discount granted on the APC list prices. ⁴
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