



KOVSIESCHOLAR GLOSSARY

APC – Article Processing Charges

APC is a fee paid to publishers to make an article free to the reader. Although Open Access principles promote free access to support research, it is not cost free to produce. Some journals cover these costs by charging processing fees.

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Double dipping

Some journals charge an APC for authors who wish to make their article open access, as well as a subscription fee for readers. The institution is paying twice: once to publish research and again to gain access.

Embargo

Some publishers only allow green open access after an embargo period.

ETD (Electronic Theses and Dissertations)

ETD is the abbreviation for Electronic Theses and Dissertations.

Gold route

The gold route in Open Access publishing refers to research articles immediately available in an online, open access journal. These journals usually charge an APC (see APC above) to cover peer review and other administrative costs.

Please note that 'gold' does not mean higher quality than 'green' in this context.

Green route

Research outputs stored in an open repository, such as an institutional repository, is known as the green route in open access publishing (self-archiving).

Hybrid journals

A hybrid journal is where some articles are open access and some are not.

Institutional repository

A university institutional repository stores, preserves and provides access to that university's research output.

KovsieJournals

KovsieJournals refers to the open access journals published by UFS academic departments.

KovsieScholar

KovsieScholar is the UFS's open access research repository for published research articles and completed theses and dissertations.

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