

## **Cambridge University Press and Jisc Collections sign major UK Open Access deal**

Cambridge University Press and the Jisc Collections have reached a progressive agreement, which will enable UK universities and colleges to make a sustainable transition to publishing more Open Access content in the publisher's journals.

JISC Collections provides UK academic institutions with shared infrastructure and services and the three-year deal is designed to encourage those institutions to publish more Open Access content in Press journals.



It covers both the payment for institutions to access the Press's journals and the Article Processing Charges their authors would normally pay to publish their work Open Access in those journals.

With UK institutions at different stages in the transition to Open Access, the deal has been drawn up to allow each institution to move at a pace which suits them.

Sales Development Manager at the Press, Adam Blow, said: 'We've had a relationship with JISC Collections for many years so the transfer from a subscription to Open Access funding model makes sense on both sides. We've decided to create a period of steady transition to recognise the complexity of the varied funding models and drivers for publication that already exist, but also to make the transition affordable for all our customers.'

The agreement terms include options for institutions to begin the transition, with increases in Open Access publishing linked to a decrease in subscription spending. This should enable a steady transition towards a complete read-and-publish transformation which is affordable for institutions and recognises the complexity of the varied funding models and drivers for publication for authors in different areas of STM and HSS.

Adam said: 'Customer feedback shows that flexibility is a top priority at the moment. UK institutions are at different stages on the Open Access roadmap so it's important for us to provide a pathway that gives all of them the opportunity to pursue Open Access in the way they feel is most appropriate.'

The agreement is the latest in a series of initiatives from the Press as it moves to underscore its commitment to Open Research and follows other read and publish deals with the Bibsam consortium of Swedish higher education and research institutions in November and with the UKB consortium of Dutch university libraries in 2017.

Global Sales Director at the Press, Chris Bennett, said: 'Cambridge University Press whole-heartedly supports the transition to a sustainable open future for journals publishing. We recognise the broad benefits of high-quality open research and we continue to encourage its growth. Our philosophy has always been to maximise the exposure and reach of our journals content at affordable and sustainable prices and this will continue as we transition to Open Research. I am especially delighted that we have agreed terms with Jisc that really incentivise change in the higher education system of which we ourselves are a part.'

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