

U-M Library Survey on Open Access (OA) Publishing

Preview Version

Thank you for taking the time to participate in this survey.

The goal of open research and scholarship is to provide access to the outputs and processes of scholarly work to as many people as possible. For example, in open access (OA) publishing, there may be a fee to publish, and then the full text article is made freely available.

The increasingly open publishing landscape presents new models and opportunities, along with complex choices, for how the University can best support faculty

To ensure that the U-M Library is positioned to support the needs of the faculty and the University in this context, the Library would be grateful if you could complete the following survey. In the survey we ask you about your experiences with OA publishing, and your views on the some of the financial choices involved in OA scholarship. Even if you have not engaged in OA publishing before, we are interested in your responses.

This survey should take about 10-15 minutes to complete. In order to protect respondent anonymity, all direct identifiers will be removed from the data, and data will only be reported at the aggregated level.

We are gathering data via this survey and a few other methods (e.g., focus groups) for decision-making purposes. This survey does not have a research aim; as such, it does not fall under Institutional Review Board (IRB) oversight. However, please know that this survey does not ask sensitive questions, and all questions are optional.

If you would like to continue with the survey, please click the 'Next' button below.

Your Perspectives on Open Research and Scholarship

The 'open' approach aims to make many aspects of academic work as accessible to as many people as possible.

To the best of your knowledge, how much interest in open access publishing is there in your main area of research?

- Little or no interest
 - Moderate interest
 - Substantial interest
 - I don't know
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Display This Question:

If To the best of your knowledge, how much interest in open access publishing is there in your main... = Little or no interest

If you have thoughts about why there is little to no interest in OA publishing in your main disciplinary area, please share them here.

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If To the best of your knowledge, how much interest in open access publishing is there in your main... = Little or no interest

Or To the best of your knowledge, how much interest in open access publishing is there in your main... = Moderate interest

Or To the best of your knowledge, how much interest in open access publishing is there in your main... = Substantial interest

Do you think that interest in open access publishing is growing in your area of research?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Have you ever used an open access approach when publishing your work? (This includes articles, chapters, books, data sets, etc.)

- Yes
- No
- I'm not sure

Have you ever done the following? *[check any that apply]*

- Served as an editor for an open access journal
- Been involved in publishing an open access book as a series editor, editorial board member, or acquiring editor
- Neither apply to me

Display This Question:

If Have you ever used an open access approach when publishing your work? (This includes articles, c... = No

Or Have you ever used an open access approach when publishing your work? (This includes articles, c... = I'm not sure

Would you consider using an open access approach to publishing your work in the future?

- Yes
- No
- I'm not sure

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*If Have you ever used an open access approach when publishing your work? (This includes articles, c... = Yes
Or Would you consider using an open access approach to publishing your work in the future? = Yes
Or Would you consider using an open access approach to publishing your work in the future? = I'm not sure*

What might motivate you to publish your work using an open access approach? [check all that apply]

- Increasing equity and inclusion in access to knowledge
- Meeting funder requirements
- Boosting my career progression
- I would hope to receive more citations
- I would hope to reach a more international audience
- I would hope to get more attention for my work from policymakers
- I would hope generate more media interest in my work
- Other reason (please describe) _____

What reservations -- if any -- do you have about using an open access approach to publishing your work? [check all that apply]

- I have been discouraged from doing so by others in my field
- Publishing OA would disadvantage me in tenure, promotion, or professional advancement
- I do not think my work is relevant to a larger audience
- I would lose out on financial opportunities if I did so
- I could not afford to pay the fees to publish my work
- I do not think I should have to pay fees to publish my work
- I have concerns about the quality of OA publications
- Other reservation (please describe) _____
- I don't have any concerns

Have you facilitated open access to scholarly publications in any of the following ways? [check all that apply]

- Paid a charge to publish my work using personal or sponsored research funds
- Published open access in a venue that doesn't charge authors
- Deposited an open access version of my work in Deep Blue (U-M's institutional repository) or another repository
- Assigned open access course materials
- Cited OA materials in my work
- Other (please describe) _____
- None of these apply to me

Author Experiences with OA Articles

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If Have you ever used an open access approach when publishing your work? (This includes articles, c... = Yes

Have you ever published an open-access journal article?

- Yes
 - No
-

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If Have you ever published an open-access journal article? = Yes

Please think about the last OA journal article you published as you answer the following questions.

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If Have you ever published an open-access journal article? = Yes

Did you publish your article with a commercial or a non-profit publisher?

- Commercial
 - Non-profit
 - I'm not sure
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Display This Question:

If Have you ever published an open-access journal article? = Yes

Did an Article Processing Charge (APC) need to be paid in order to publish your article?

- Yes
- No
- I'm not sure

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If Did an Article Processing Charge (APC) need to be paid in order to publish your article? = Yes

What is your memory -- or best estimate -- of the APC amount? If possible, please provide the amount in U.S. dollars.

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If Did an Article Processing Charge (APC) need to be paid in order to publish your article? = Yes

Did you get a discount on the APC?

- Yes
- No
- I'm not sure

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If Did you get a discount on the APC? = Yes

Why were you able to get a discount on the APC for your article?

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If Have you ever published an open-access journal article? = Yes

Were you able to choose the copyright license under which you published your OA article?

- Yes
- No
- I'm not sure

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If Were you able to choose the copyright license under which you published your OA article? = Yes

What license did you choose?

- I'm not sure
- Creative Commons Public Domain Dedication (CC0 1.0)
- Creative Commons Attribution license 4.0 (CC BY 4.0)
- Creative Commons Attribution ShareAlike license 4.0 (CC BY-SA 4.0)
- Creative Commons Attribution NonCommercial license (4.0 CC BY-NC 4.0)
- Creative Commons Attribution NonCommercial ShareAlike 4.0 (CC BY-NC-SA 4.0)
- Creative Commons Attribution NoDerivatives license 4.0 (CC BY-ND 4.0)
- Creative Commons Attribution NonCommercial NoDerivatives 4.0 (CC BY-NC-ND 4.0)
- Other (please specify) _____

Display This Question:

If Have you ever published an open-access journal article? = Yes

How did you feel about the experience of publishing your article OA?

- Very satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Neutral
- Somewhat dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

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*If How did you feel about the experience of publishing your article OA? = Very satisfied
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Why did you feel that way?

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If Have you ever published an open-access journal article? = Yes

Would you publish an article in an OA journal again?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Author Experiences with OA Chapters

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If Have you ever used an open access approach when publishing your work? (This includes articles, c... = Yes

Have you ever published an open-access book chapter?

- Yes
- No

Display This Question:

If Have you ever published an open-access book chapter? = Yes

Please think about the last OA book chapter you published as you answer the following questions.

Display This Question:

If Have you ever published an open-access book chapter? = Yes

Did you publish your chapter with a commercial or a non-profit publisher?

- Commercial
- Non-profit
- I'm not sure

Display This Question:

If Have you ever published an open-access book chapter? = Yes

Did an Article Processing Charge (APC) need to be paid in order to publish your chapter?

- Yes
- No
- I'm not sure

Display This Question:

If Did an Article Processing Charge (APC) need to be paid in order to publish your chapter? = Yes

What is your memory -- or best estimate -- of the APC amount? If possible, please provide the amount in U.S. dollars.

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If Have you ever published an open-access book chapter? = Yes

Were you able to choose the copyright license under which you published your OA chapter?

- Yes
- No
- I'm not sure

Display This Question:

If Were you able to choose the copyright license under which you published your OA chapter? = Yes

What license did you choose?

- I'm not sure
- Creative Commons Public Domain Dedication (CC0 1.0)
- Creative Commons Attribution license 4.0 (CC BY 4.0)
- Creative Commons Attribution ShareAlike license 4.0 (CC BY-SA 4.0)
- Creative Commons Attribution NonCommercial license (4.0 CC BY-NC 4.0)
- Creative Commons Attribution NonCommercial ShareAlike 4.0 (CC BY-NC-SA 4.0)
- Creative Commons Attribution NoDerivatives license 4.0 (CC BY-ND 4.0)
- Creative Commons Attribution NonCommercial NoDerivatives 4.0 (CC BY-NC-ND 4.0)
- Other (please specify) _____

Display This Question:

If Have you ever published an open-access book chapter? = Yes

How did you feel about the experience of publishing your chapter OA?

- Very satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Neutral
- Somewhat dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

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If How did you feel about the experience of publishing your chapter OA? = Very satisfied
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Why did you feel that way?

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If Have you ever published an open-access book chapter? = Yes

Would you publish a chapter in an OA book again?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Author Experiences with OA Books

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If Have you ever used an open access approach when publishing your work? (This includes articles, c... = Yes

Have you ever published an open-access **book**?

- Yes
- No

Display This Question:

If Have you ever published an open-access book? = Yes

Please think about the last OA book you published as you answer the following questions.

Display This Question:

If Have you ever published an open-access book? = Yes

Did you publish your book with a commercial or a non-profit publisher?

- Commercial
 - Non-profit
 - I'm not sure
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Display This Question:

If Have you ever published an open-access book? = Yes

Did an Book Processing Charge (BPC) need to be paid in order to publish your book?

- Yes
 - No
 - I'm not sure
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If Did an Book Processing Charge (BPC) need to be paid in order to publish your book? = Yes

What is your memory -- or best estimate -- of the BPC amount? If possible, please provide the amount in U.S. dollars.

Display This Question:

If Have you ever published an open-access book? = Yes

Were you able to choose the copyright license under which you published your OA book?

- Yes
 - No
 - I'm not sure
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Display This Question:

If Were you able to choose the copyright license under which you published your OA book? = Yes

What license did you choose?

- I'm not sure
- Creative Commons Public Domain Dedication (CC0 1.0)
- Creative Commons Attribution license 4.0 (CC BY 4.0)
- Creative Commons Attribution ShareAlike license 4.0 (CC BY-SA 4.0)
- Creative Commons Attribution NonCommercial license (4.0 CC BY-NC 4.0)
- Creative Commons Attribution NonCommercial ShareAlike 4.0 (CC BY-NC-SA 4.0)
- Creative Commons Attribution NoDerivatives license 4.0 (CC BY-ND 4.0)
- Creative Commons Attribution NonCommercial NoDerivatives 4.0 (CC BY-NC-ND 4.0)
- Other (please specify) _____

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If Have you ever published an open-access book? = Yes

How did you feel about the experience of publishing your book OA?

- Very satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Neutral
- Somewhat dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

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If How did you feel about the experience of publishing your book OA? = Very satisfied

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Why did you feel that way?

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If Have you ever published an open-access book? = Yes

Would you publish a book using an open access approach again?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Experiences with Making Data Open Access

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If Have you ever used an open access approach when publishing your work? (This includes articles, c... = Yes

Have you ever published an open-access **data set**?

- Yes
 - No
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Display This Question:

If Have you ever published an open-access data set? = Yes

Please think about the last OA data set you published as you answer the following questions.

Display This Question:

If Have you ever published an open-access data set? = Yes

What type of repository did you use to publish your data set?

- Publisher repository
 - Disciplinary repository
 - Institutional repository
 - Other (please describe) _____
 - I did not use a repository (please explain) _____
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Display This Question:

If Have you ever published an open-access data set? = Yes

Did a charge need to be paid in order to publish your data set?

- Yes
- No
- I'm not sure

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If Did a charge need to be paid in order to publish your data set? = Yes

What is your memory -- or best estimate -- of the charge amount? If possible, please provide the amount in U.S. dollars.

Display This Question:

If Have you ever published an open-access data set? = Yes

Were you able to choose the copyright license under which you published your data set?

- Yes
- No
- I'm not sure

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If Were you able to choose the copyright license under which you published your data set? = Yes

What license did you choose?

- I'm not sure
- Creative Commons Public Domain Dedication (CC0 1.0)
- Creative Commons Attribution license 4.0 (CC BY 4.0)
- Creative Commons Attribution ShareAlike license 4.0 (CC BY-SA 4.0)
- Creative Commons Attribution NonCommercial license (4.0 CC BY-NC 4.0)
- Creative Commons Attribution NonCommercial ShareAlike 4.0 (CC BY-NC-SA 4.0)
- Creative Commons Attribution NoDerivatives license 4.0 (CC BY-ND 4.0)
- Creative Commons Attribution NonCommercial NoDerivatives 4.0 (CC BY-NC-ND 4.0)
- Other (please specify) _____

Display This Question:

If Have you ever published an open-access data set? = Yes

How did you feel about the experience of publishing your data set OA?

- Very satisfied
 - Somewhat satisfied
 - Neutral
 - Somewhat dissatisfied
 - Very dissatisfied
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Why did you feel that way?

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Would you publish a data set using an open access approach again?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Questions about Library Services

The Library offers a variety of services to support OA and open research. The following questions ask about your familiarity with these.

Deep Blue Documents is an institutional repository at U-M providing open access to journal articles and other scholarship.

What is true of you?

- I have deposited materials into Deep Blue Documents
 - I am aware of Deep Blue Documents but have not deposited materials into it
 - I have not heard of Deep Blue Documents
-

Deep Blue Data is a related service at U-M.

Deep Blue Data is an institutional data repository providing open access to research data sets developed at U-M.

What is true of you?

- I have deposited materials into Deep Blue Data
 - I am aware of Deep Blue Data but have not deposited materials into it
 - I have not heard of Deep Blue Data
-

The Copyright Office offers consultation and education on open access, fair use and other issues relating to open research.

What is true of you?

- I have consulted with the Copyright Office or attended one of their workshops
- I am aware of the Copyright Office but have not made use of their services
- I have not heard of the Copyright Office

Experiences with Open Access Journal Editing and/or Book Publishing

Display This Question:

If Have you ever done the following? [check any that apply] = Served as an editor for an open access journal

Earlier, you indicated that you have been involved in editing an OA journal. Please think about your most recent experiences with this as you answer the following questions. (If you have been involved with more than one OA journal, please think about one of them for these questions.)

Display This Question:

If Have you ever done the following? [check any that apply] = Served as an editor for an open access journal

Why type of publisher was it that published the OA journal?

- Commercial
- Non-profit society
- Non-profit university press
- Other (please describe) _____

Display This Question:

If Have you ever done the following? [check any that apply] = Served as an editor for an open access journal

Was the journal funded -- at least in part -- by charging author fees?

- Yes
- No
- Other _____

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If Was the journal funded -- at least in part -- by charging author fees? = Yes

How much was the average APC for this journal? Please provide your best estimate in a U.S. dollar amount.

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If Have you ever done the following? [check any that apply] = Served as an editor for an open access journal

If you have any observations to share about editing an OA journal, you can use the space below.

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If Have you ever done the following? [check any that apply] = Served as an editor for an open access journal

Would you edit an OA journal again?

- Yes I would
- I currently am
- No
- I don't know

Display This Question:

If Have you ever done the following? [check any that apply] = Been involved in publishing an open access book as a series editor, editorial board member, or acquiring editor

Earlier, you indicated that you have been involved in book publishing. Please think about your most recent experiences with this as you answer the following questions.

Display This Question:

If Have you ever done the following? [check any that apply] = Been involved in publishing an open access book as a series editor, editorial board member, or acquiring editor

Why type of publisher did you work for?

- Commercial
 - Non-profit society
 - Non-profit university press
 - Other (please describe) _____
-

Display This Question:

If Have you ever done the following? [check any that apply] = Been involved in publishing an open access book as a series editor, editorial board member, or acquiring editor

Did the publisher charge for OA book publishing?

- Yes
 - No
 - Other response _____
 - I'm not sure
-

Display This Question:

If Did the publisher charge for OA book publishing? = Yes

How much was the average OA book publishing charge? Please provide your best estimate in a U.S. dollar amount.

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If Have you ever done the following? [check any that apply] = Been involved in publishing an open access book as a series editor, editorial board member, or acquiring editor

If you have any observations to share about working in book publishing, you can use the space below.

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If Have you ever done the following? [check any that apply] = Been involved in publishing an open access book as a series editor, editorial board member, or acquiring editor

Would you work in the area of publishing OA books again?

- Yes I would
- I currently am
- No
- I don't know

Financial Issues Related to Open Access Publishing

Typically, the products of open research and scholarship (e.g., journal articles, books, data sets) are free of charge to all readers, but still cost money to produce, secure, and maintain. Some open-access publishing models are funded by the author, their institution, or their funder.

These include models in which Article Processing Charges (APCs) or Book Publishing Charges (BPCs) cover the publisher's costs. These may introduce inequities for authors who don't have access to funds.

One possible option in negotiating with publishers is for the U-M library to contribute a fixed amount toward the cost of article processing charges (APCs).

If we adopted this model, what would you prefer to see happen?

- The library would fund the entire cost of APCs for a small number of authors
 - The library would fund the partial cost of APCs for a larger number of authors
 - Other ideas (please describe) _____
-

The library has negotiated discounts on article processing charges (APCs) with multiple publishers ([You can find out more here.](#))

What is true of you?

- I have taken advantage of discounted APCs negotiated by the Library
- I am aware of discounted APCs negotiated by the Library, but I have not made use of them
- I have not heard of the discounted APCs negotiated by the Library

About You

You are almost done with the survey.

In what broad disciplinary area(s) do you publish? *[check all that apply]*

- Arts
 - Engineering
 - Health/Medicine
 - Humanities
 - Social sciences
 - Natural sciences
 - Other _____
-

In what specific disciplinary areas do you publish? *(you can list up to four)*

- Disciplinary Area 1: _____
 - Disciplinary Area 2: _____
 - Disciplinary Area 3: _____
 - Disciplinary Area 4: _____
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What description best matches your current role at U-M?

- Faculty member
 - Graduate student
 - Fellow / Postdoc
 - Staff member
 - Other _____
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Display This Question:

If What description best matches your current role at U-M? = Faculty member

What type of faculty position do you hold? If you have more than one, please choose the position that is most primary.

- Lecturer
- Tenured / Tenure-track faculty
- Research-track faculty
- Clinical-track faculty
- Librarian / Curator / Archivist
- Other _____

Display This Question:

If What type of faculty position do you hold? If you have more than one, please choose the position... = Lecturer

What lecturer rank do you currently hold?

- I
- II
- III
- IV
- Other _____

Display This Question:

If What type of faculty position do you hold? If you have more than one, please choose the position... = Tenured / Tenure-track faculty
Or What type of faculty position do you hold? If you have more than one, please choose the position... = Research-track faculty
Or What type of faculty position do you hold? If you have more than one, please choose the position... = Clinical-track faculty

What professorial rank do you currently hold?

- Assistant
- Associate
- Full
- Other _____

Display This Question:

If What description best matches your current role at U-M? = Graduate student

What type of graduate student are you?

- Master's
- Doctoral
- Other _____

What roles have you played in academic publishing? [check all that apply]

- Author or co-author
- Volume editor
- Series editor
- Journal editor
- Peer reviewer
- Service on a publication committee for a professional association
- Other (please describe) _____

This is the last page of the survey. Please click the 'submit' button below when you are finished.

If you have additional perspectives on open access, open research, or open scholarship, please use the space below to share them. You can also use the space below to describe services you would like to see offered by the Library or the University to support OA or open research.

The library is seeking U-M scholars who are interested in engaging further about issues of open access. Would you be willing to be contacted about this topic?

(Note: If you click 'yes,' you will be taken to a separate form where you can provide your name and email address. We will not store your name with the data you provided in this survey.)

- Yes
- No