POLICY DOCUMENT - 2024

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Policy Name: Financial Assistance in Open Access Journals

Policy Category: Faculty

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Preamble: Applicable for PUBMED, SCOPUS, WOS Journal

SCImago Journal Rank (SJR)

- The SJR indicator is a measure of the scientific influence of scholarly journals that accounts for both the number of citations received by a journal and the importance or prestige of the journals where the citations come from. A journal's SJR is a numeric value indicating the average number of weighted citations received during a selected year per document published in that journal during the previous three years.
- Each subject category of journals is divided into four quartiles: Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4.
 - o **Q1** is occupied by the top 25% of **journals** in the list;
 - o **Q2** is occupied by **journals** in the 25 to 50% group;
 - o **Q3** is occupied by **journals** in the 50 to 75% group and
 - o **Q4** is occupied by **journals** in the 75 to 100% group.
- SCImago Journal Rank (SJR) is one of the internationally recognized standards for identifying the quartile of a journal.

If the Journal is having *subscription publication* category (No article processing charges) and Open Access publication category (Article processing charges), still if the faculty requests for financial assistance for publication in open access category, the same will not be provided.

If the Journal is having Open Access publication category only, and if faculty requests for financial assistance for APC, In this scenario 100% financial assistance will be provided, subject to the following condition.

- 1) Journal must be listed in SJR Q1 Category.
- 2) Having impact factor more than 2.0 (Thomson Reuters)
- 3) Author must receive final manuscript acceptance by a qualifying publication.

4) Author must receive E-mail regarding Article Processing Charges (APC) or invoice for publication charges.

If the Journal is having *Open Access publication* category only and if faculty requests for financial assistance for APC, in this scenario 75% financial assistance will be provided, subject to the following condition.

- 1) Journal must be list in *SJR Q1* Category.
- 2) Journal H-index must be greater than or equal to 100.
- 3) Author must receive final manuscript acceptance by a qualifying publication.
- 4) Author must receive E-mail regarding Article Processing Charges (APC) or invoice for publication charges.

If the Journal is having *Open Access publication* category only and if faculty requests for financial assistance for APC, in this scenario *50%* financial assistance will be provided, subject to the following condition.

- 1) Journal must be list in SJR Q1 Category.
- 2) Journal H-index must be in between 50 99.
- 3) Author must receive final manuscript acceptance by a qualifying publication.
- 4) Author must receive E-mail regarding Article Processing Charges (APC) or invoice for publication charges.

If the Journal is having *Open Access publication* category only and if faculty requests for financial assistance for APC, in this scenario 30% financial assistance will be provided, subject to the following condition.

- 1) Journal must be list in *SJR Q2* Category.
- 2) Author must receive final manuscript acceptance by a qualifying publication.
- 3) Author must receive E-mail regarding Article Processing Charges (APC) or invoice for publication charges.

If the Journal is having *Open Access publication* category only and if faculty requests for financial assistance for APC, in this scenario 20% *OR 15000/- whichever is more*, financial assistance will be provided, subject to the following condition.

- 1) Journal must be list in *SJR Q3* Category.
- 2) Author must receive final manuscript acceptance by a qualifying publication.

3) Author must receive E-mail regarding Article Processing Charges (APC) or invoice for publication charges.

If the Journal is having *Open Access publication* category only and if faculty requests for financial assistance for APC, in this scenario 10% *OR* 10000/- whichever is more, financial assistance will be provided, subject to the following condition.

- 1) Journal must be list in SJR Q4 Category.
- 2) Author must receive final manuscript acceptance by a qualifying publication.
- 3) Author must receive E-mail regarding Article Processing Charges (APC) or invoice for publication charges.

Additional Terms and conditions:

- The journal must be in the directory of open access journal (unless the journal is too new for DOAJ eligibility)
- The financial assistance will be provided only for publication fees.
- The additional page charges will not be provided as the financial assistance.
- No financial assistance will be provided for transfer charges and reprint fees
- The financial assistance will not be provided for hybrid open access model.
- Additionally, the sanctioned financial assistance shall be based on the quality of journal (publication standard) in each category (Q1, Q2, Q3 and Q4).
- If there are more than predefined number of papers applied for financial assistance, the same will be provided based on higher H-index in the applied category.
- The registration fees for publication of paper in above category journals are to be paid to restricted authors as mentioned in below table. Hence, it will be paid after publication and at the end of academic session

| APC for | Publications | in | Journals |
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| Descriptio n | Quartil e Rankin g | No. of paper s per heath unit @ wana | of uni t | No. o | of on for | ces Assistance | Assistance approved |
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| Q1 indexed journal having impact factor more than 2.0 (Thomson Reuters) | Q1 | 1 per unit | 4 | 4 | 1,50,000 APC (ma up to) | ax | |
| Q1 Ranking Journal (having h index greater than or equal to 100) Q1 Ranking | Q1 Q1 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 1,50,000/- | (6,00,000/-) | |
| Journal (having h index between 50 - 99 | | 2 | 1 | 12 | 1,00,000/- | 30% APC | 3,60,000/- |
| Q2 Ranking Journal Q3 Ranking Journal | Q2 Q3 | 6 | 4 | 24 | 75,000/- | (12,00,000/) 20% APC (18,00,000/-) OR 15000/- whichever is more | 3,60,000/- |
| Q4 Ranking Journal | Q4 | 32 | 4 | 128 | 50,000/- | 10% APC (64,00,000/-) OR 10000/- whichever is more | 6,40,000/- OR 12,80, 000/- |

| Journal indexed in any two databases (PUBMED, SCOPUS, WOS) | 2 per unit | 4 | 8 | 1,50,000/= APC (max up to) | 100% APC | 12,00,000/ |
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| | | | 184 | | | 38, 60,000/- OR 45,00,000/ - Max. Upper cap |

Note: Amount of APC more than 20,000/- will require special approval from competent authority.