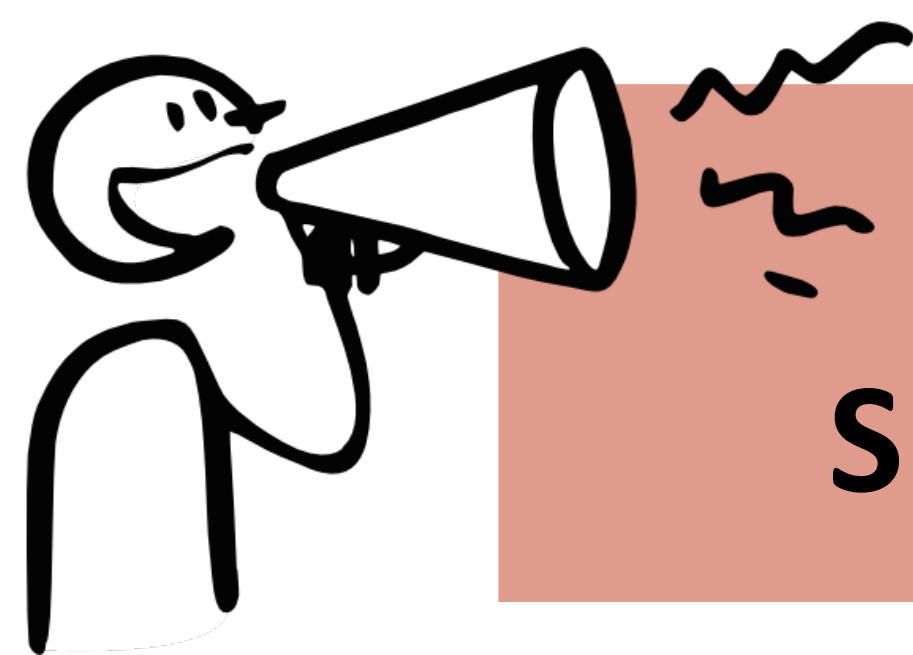


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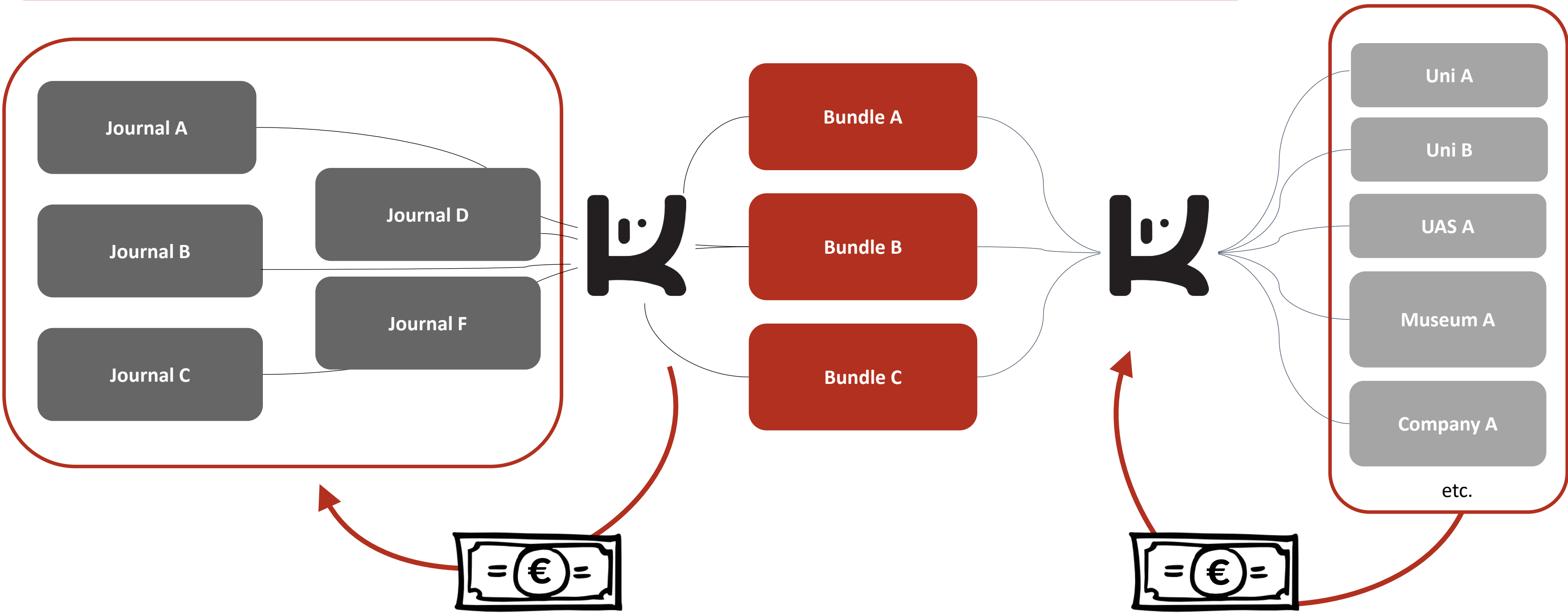
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## From Passion to Profession: Support for Open Access Editors

### How does KOALA's funding model work?



### Contact us

KOALA provides guidance to meet funding requirements.  
**Contact us to learn more!**



### Can my journal participate in KOALA?

**KOALA supports scholarly journals that meet the following criteria:**

- Subjects:** STEM subjects at KOALA TIB  
History, Environment, Social and Cultural Anthropology  
at KOALA SLUB (Pilot Phase, subjects might change)
- Research Ties:** Must be strongly connected to the academic community
- Publication Type:** Periodical journals only (no blogs or monographs)
- Digital First:** Must be digitally published (print editions allowed but not funded)
- Organizational Backing:** Must be published by a corporate body (no private individuals)

**KOALA supports:**

- Transforming Open Access journals based on author fees (APC model) to Open Access free of charge for authors (Diamond Open Access)
- Consolidating Open Access publications that are already free of charge for readers and authors

### Requirements

#### Technical requirements, metadata and indexing

- Long-term digital preservation
- ISSN/eISSN
- Indexing in DOAJ or DOAB
- Use of DOI or other PIDs for every article/volume
- Metadata under CCO
- Information about funding in the metadata
- No data tracking

#### Editorial policies, review processes, scope etc.

- No mirror/sister journal
- Transparent ownership and management information
- Information about the editorial board and editors
- Established (peer) review process
- Publication of statistics on the number of submissions, reviews, etc.
- Information about the publication frequency
- Information about aims and scope

#### Copyright and licensing

- Immediate access to the full text
- Copyright retention
- CC BY as the standard license
- Machine-readable license in the metadata
- Human-readable license in all text formats

#### Funding

- Transparent funding without author-facing costs

### Advantages of KOALA for publishers

- Supporting the transition to Open Access: advice on the transformation to Open Access and implementing the requirements
- With KOALA, a publishing house can show that it picks up on the scholarly community's needs for consortial funding of Open Access publications
- Administration of collaborative financing is much simpler than subscriptions and author-facing costs

### Advantages of KOALA for editorial boards

- Open Access for readers: no paywalls
- Attractive for authors: publish without author-facing costs and in compliance with DFG and EU funding requirements
- More time for editorial work: once the pledging target is met, funding is guaranteed for a period of three years
- Heightened visibility for periodicals in the library world
- Networking opportunities with other KOALA editorial boards
- Inclusion in KOALA bundles is a symbol of quality

### KOALA Timeline

#### 1 Planning & Pledging Year

- Advising journals on meeting requirements
- Providing information on the process & resolving contractual issues
- Finalizing contracts between editorial boards & KOALA
- Pledging round: If the funding target is met, the funding period starts the following year

#### 2 Funding Year 1

- Start of the funding period

#### 3 Funding Year 2

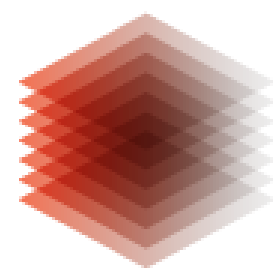
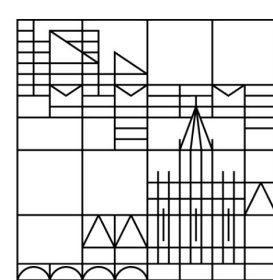
- = Planning year for follow-up funding
- Preparation & consultation for potential follow-up funding

#### 4 Funding Year 3

- = Pledging year for follow-up funding
- New pledging round for the next funding phase

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