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# Open Access (OA): library subscriptions are changing



3 different  
types of  
journals

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## Gold Open Access

All articles are freely accessible on the journal website

### Pure PUBLISH Licences

(Open Access publishing fees are fully or partially covered)

## Hybrid

Some articles are freely accessible, others are pay per view / subscribers only

### READ & PUBLISH licences

(covers reading subscriber-only articles + OA publishing fees)

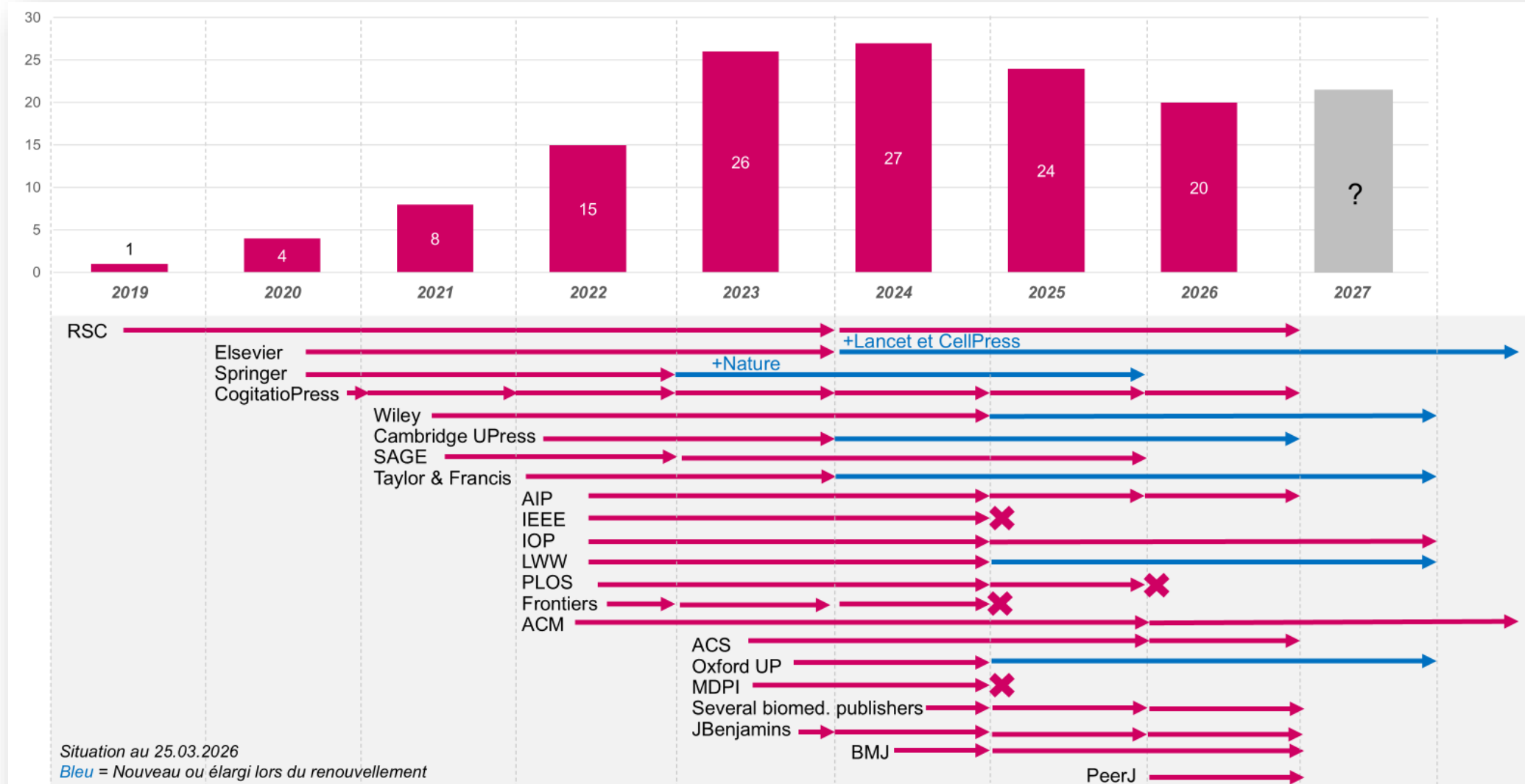
## Subscription

All articles are pay per view / subscribers only

**Subscriptions licences (READ)**  
(reading subscriber-only articles)

# Current agreements at UNIGE

Complete coverage of APCs :



# Negotiations with publishers

- Agreements negotiated by various entities (**local or national**)
- Have **limitations & conditions**
- Managed internally by the **Library**



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# Dedicated webpage

<https://unige.ch/-/biblio/oa-accords-editeurs>






or [www.unige.ch/oa](http://www.unige.ch/oa)  
then



## Agreements with Publishers

Researchers at the University of Geneva identified as first **corresponding author** by the publisher can benefit from advantageous conditions for publishing in Open Access with a certain number of publishers. Below, you will find the negotiated conditions for each of them and, where applicable, the procedures for benefiting from these conditions.

These agreements apply to article publication charges (APCs). Please consult the following document (in French only) for **books**.

Important elements to check for the coverage of publication costs								
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Corresponding author = UNIGE member		Journal = In the list of journals covered by the agreement		Acceptance date* = In the relevant period <small>* Unless otherwise specified</small>		Article type = Eligible according to the agreement		Yearly quota = Not exhausted when the article accepted

## Full coverage of publication costs (APC)

- American Chemical Society (ACS)
- American Institute of Physics (AIP)
- Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)
- John Benjamins
- BMJ
- Biochemical Society / Portland Press
- Bioscientifica
- Cambridge University Press
- CogitatioPress
- The Company of Biologists
- Elsevier
- European Respiratory Society (ERS)
- Institute of Physics (IOP)
- Lippincott Williams & Wilkins (LWW) - Wolters Kluwer (WK)


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- Check that all conditions listed on the page are fulfilled (unreached quota, journal included in the agreement, item type, etc.)
- Ensure that the corresponding author is a member of UNIGE (or HUG). Otherwise, the agreement is inapplicable
- Preferably submit your article using the UNIGE network or VPN

# Main conditions

For these agreements to apply, it is necessary that:



the **corresponding author** is affiliated with UNIGE and mentions it at the time of submission/acceptance *in the appropriate way*



the **journal** is included in the list of titles covered by the agreement



the **article type** is included in the agreement  
(e.g. editorials and letters or commentaries are generally not included)



the agreement is in force at the **time of acceptance** of the article  
(unless otherwise specified)



the swiss annual article **quota** is not yet used up (if there is one)



the corresponding author chooses the **Open Access option** and a **license**  
(preferably CC BY)

# What if there is no agreement?



The journal is  
fully Open Access (gold)

You are funded by the SNSF:  
send the invoice to the SNSF through  
ChronosHub

OR

The eligibility criteria of the UNIGE  
Publication Fund are met:  
apply for a contribution

(Note: Medicine and Science faculties are ineligible in 2026)



The journal is  
hybrid

Use the green road, by depositing your  
«author accepted manuscript» into Archive  
ouverte (**recommended option**)

OR

Pay for OA publication

Useful tools: decision trees  
to identify the best option in a specific situation!



# Frequently asked questions

- How do I know if the journal is covered by an agreement?  
How to benefit from it?

*Check the list of included titles, the conditions and the publishers' procedures at <https://unige.ch/-/biblio/oa-agreements>.*

- When will the quota be used up?

*We cannot know this. The latest information we have on the status of quotas is on <https://unige.ch/-/biblio/oa-agreements>.*

- The quota is used up and my article is accepted, what should I do?

*Act as if there were no agreement (see previous slide).*

- The journal is on the list and the quota is not used up, but I have received an invoice to pay. Is this normal?

*Probably not. Write to [openaccess@unige.ch](mailto:openaccess@unige.ch).*



# Questions?



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