

UKRI (Research Councils) Open Access Block Grant Terms of Reference

1: Aim

SOAS is in receipt of a small block grant from UKRI to support researchers in publishing through the Gold Open Access route.

Gold Open Access usually involves advanced payment of an Article Processing Charge (APC) or Book Processing Charge (BPC) in order to publish an article or book chapter that is freely available to anyone at the point of publication and from the publishers website.

2: Eligible applicants

- Staff member who is in receipt of UKRI funding (AHRC, ESRC, EPSRC, NERC)

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- Student who is in receipt of UKRI funding (AHRC, ESRC, EPSRC, NERC)

3: Application process

1. You will need to complete the [online application form](#) in order to be considered for this fund.
2. The application will be initially reviewed by the Scholarly Communications Team to ensure the requests are valid.
3. Valid applications will be considered by the Pro-Director for Research or their nominee.
4. The Scholarly Communications Team will inform applicant of the outcome and support successful applicant with the payment processes.

4: Limitations

As funds are limited, we cannot guarantee to meet all requests, although we hope to fulfil as many as possible.

5: Other conditions

1. Your publication should be deposited into [SOAS Research Online](#) to ensure that the publication complies with the [UKRI Open access policy](#).
2. Where there are co-authors from other universities, we would normally expect to share the cost of an APC.
3. Funding will only be provided for publication where the publisher or journal support the Creative Commons Attribution (CC BY) license.
4. Publications must include details of the funding that supported the research and, if applicable, a statement on how the underlying research materials, such as underpinning data can be accessed.
5. Your affiliation should be clearly stated on the publication as 'SOAS University of London'.

6: Further information

More information about this funding can be found here [UKRI Open Access block grants](#)

Any queries about the criteria or the application process should be sent to outputs@soas.ac.uk