



TEMPLETON WORLD
CHARITY FOUNDATION

Open Access Policy

Background

We support open science and open access to research for two reasons. First, Templeton World Charity Foundation, Inc (TWCF) seeks to support discovery science within Sir John Templeton's mandate. Such research can have a significant impact, but only if it can earn the trust of the broader scientific community. This is particularly vital for projects that aim to make impactful or contrarian discoveries because they carry a higher burden of proof.

Second, TWCF has embraced a global mandate to support projects wherever they can have the greatest impact. It is crucial for this vision that the outputs of projects which we support, are openly accessible to anyone with an internet connection.

We expect our researchers to publish their findings online as high-quality, peer-reviewed research articles, monographs, and book chapters. Ultimately, we are willing to support reasonable publication costs and expect such publications to be available free of charge. Providing free online access to published research will maximize the availability and usability of publications, and make sure the research we fund can be built upon. To this end, TWCF embraces the following open access policy which is in line with the key principles of Plan S. The overarching aim of our Open Access (OA) policy is to make sure that knowledge and discoveries resulting from our funding are shared and used in a way that maximizes their benefit.

We support scientific research across a range of disciplines, and appreciate that this policy will have a greater impact in some disciplines than others. We remain committed to providing a supportive environment for our applicants and grantees. If you have any questions or concerns about this policy then please contact the program officer for your grant or application.

Open Access Policy (With effect from 2021)

1. All journal publications of results from research funded by TWCF must be published in Open Access Journals, on Open Access Platforms, or made immediately available through Open Access Repositories without embargo.
2. The new OA policy **will apply** to any article that includes original, peer-reviewed research and is submitted for publication from 1 January 2021. It **will not apply** to research articles submitted before 1 January 2021. The OA policy will not apply to monographs and book chapters – we are not yet changing our policy for these, but we are keeping it under review.
3. All research articles supported in whole or in part by TWCF must be:
 - o made freely available through [Health Research Alliance \(HRA\) Open](#), PubMed Central (PMC) and Europe PMC, or another discipline-appropriate repository, by the official final publication date, and
 - o published under a Creative Commons attribution licence (CC-BY), unless we have agreed, as an exception, to allow publication under a CC-BY-ND licence.
4. We will provide grantholders with funding to cover reasonable article processing charges (APCs) for articles published in fully OA journals or platforms that:
 - o are indexed by the Directory of Open Access Journals and comply with the technical guidance and requirements set out by cOAlition S, and
 - o have an agreement with the National Library of Medicine (NLM) to deposit the version of record in PMC and allow that content to be shared with Europe PMC.
5. We will no longer cover the costs of OA publishing in subscription journals. Grant applicants cannot ask for these costs in their grant application, and grantholders of contracts signed after 1 January 2021 will not be allowed to use their grant funds to pay for these costs. However, from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2024, organizations can use TWCF OA funds for publication costs associated with transformative OA arrangements.
6. TWCF-funded authors or their institutions must retain sufficient rights in their research articles to make a version of the article immediately available under a compliant open licence. Unless granted permission to do otherwise, all submissions of

original research to peer-reviewed journals must contain the following statement: "This research was funded in whole or in part by Templeton World Charity Foundation [Grant number]. For the purpose of open access, the author has applied a CC-BY public copyright licence to any author accepted manuscript version arising from this submission." Grant holders must grant a Creative Commons, Attribution licence (CCBY) licence to all their future author-accepted manuscripts reporting original research which was supported in whole, or in part, by our grant funding. By exception, grantees can request a no-derivative variant (CC-BY-ND) for specific articles, prior to submission for publication. To apply for this exception, please contact your grant administrator.

7. All research articles supported in whole or in part by TWCF must include a statement explaining how other researchers can access any data, original software or materials underpinning the research.
8. Researchers and organisations who do not comply with this policy will be subject to appropriate sanctions. These may include TWCF:
 - not accepting new grant applications;
 - suspending funding to organisations in extreme cases.

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