

OUWB Research Committee - Student Guidelines for Support of Journal Publication Fees

OUWB is committed to supporting the dissemination of scholarship by its students. Funds are available to enrolled students and graduates for up to one year after graduation. The guidelines below apply to OUWB support for professional publications resulting from research conducted by OUWB students who are mentored by faculty at Oakland University and/or Beaumont Health.

Eligible Publications

Manuscripts accepted for publication in peer-reviewed journals, including high-impact, Open Access (OA) journals, will be considered for support of publication fees. While many journals charge subscription fees to individuals and institutions, OA journals provide articles to readers free of charge. To be considered for support, papers must:

- Be accepted by peer-reviewed journals with an impact factor of 3 or greater that have a publicly available list of processing/ publication charges/fees. Requests for support of publications in new journals or those without established impact factors will be reviewed individually by the OUWB Research Committee. Case reports will not be considered for funding.
- Have the OUWB student requesting support listed as first author.
- Have a senior author/mentor who is affiliated with OU, OUWB, and/or Beaumont/Spectrum Health

Be aware that some journals, known as predatory journals, lack a rigorous peer-review process, diminishing the overall quality of published works. Requests to support publication fees by journals deemed predatory will not be supported. Indications of predatory publishing include:

- Notifying authors and institutions of article fees only after papers are accepted.
- Aggressively campaigning for academics to submit articles or serve on editorial boards.
- Falsifying editorial board membership; listing academics as members of editorial boards without their permission.
- Fake or non-existent impact factors.

Eligible Authors

Based on availability, funds may be allocated to support articles authored by any OUWB student who is actively enrolled or who graduated within the previous year. The corresponding author must also be affiliated with OUWB and in compliance with existing OUWB policies. Funds are only available if the research was conducted at OU, OUWB, and/or Beaumont/Spectrum Health. Students seeking support must have made significant contributions to the design and conduct of the study and to manuscript development. **Manuscripts must already be accepted at the time the funding request is made.** When requesting support, student authors must provide a copy of the submitted manuscript, including the list of authors, and proof of manuscript acceptance.

Eligible Fees

Eligible fees include article processing fees, publication fees, and page charges. Embargo periods for open access and rapid reviews are not eligible.

Limits

Support of each publication is capped at \$2,000, including processing fees, publication fees, and page charges. Support is limited to one publication per year for each student and two publications per year for mentors. The approved funding will be paid directly to the journal by OUWB. **OUWB cannot reimburse students or mentors for publication/editing fees.**

Support for eligible publications will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis pending availability of funds. Requests by student authors who have not received previous support for publication fees will be prioritized.