As a land grant university, the University of Idaho seeks to “shape the future through innovative thinking” and “expand the institution’s intellectual and economic impact” (The Office of the Provost & Executive Vice President, “Strategic Plan and Process | 2016-2025,” University of Idaho).

The U of I – Open Access Publishing Fund (OAPF) supports this vision by making the innovative research conducted at U of I as widely accessible as possible.

Supporting open access models of publication demonstrates that U of I embraces equity of access, which is a catalyst for increased impact and visibility throughout the state, nation, and beyond.

During the pilot year (FY 2019), the U of I Library, Office of the Provost, and Office of Research and Economic Development allocated a combined total of $30,000 to pay article processing charges (APCs) in eligible open access journals.

Strategic Goals

Open access and the U of I – OAPF support the U of I's Strategic Plan:

- **Goal 1 – Innovate**: Heighten the visibility of the University of Idaho’s research, innovation, scholarship, and creative works.

- **Goal 2 – Engage**: Reduce barriers related to accessing the University of Idaho’s research, innovation, scholarship, and creative works.

For More Information:

https://www.lib.uidaho.edu/services/oapf/
Metrics for FY 2019

Applications
- Twenty-three of twenty-eight applications met all eligibility criteria and received funding
  - Sixteen of the twenty-three funded applications included more than one U of I affiliated author

Recipients
- Supported fifty-one U of I affiliated authors across four colleges and thirteen programs/departments, including one center and one institute
  - Seven authors received funding twice

Recipient Demographics
- Authors
  - Twenty-five faculty
  - Seven staff members
  - One professor emeritus
  - Five postdoctoral fellows
  - Ten enrolled graduate students
  - Three enrolled undergraduate students
- Colleges, departments, centers, and institutes
  - College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (8)
    - Administrative Team (1)
    - Department of Animal & Veterinary Science (3)
    - Department of Soil and Water Systems (3)
    - Water Resources Graduate Program (1)
  - College of Engineering (9)
    - Department of Biological Engineering (8)
    - Department of Chemical and Materials Engineering (1)
  - College of Natural Resources (17)
    - Department of Fish and Wildlife Sciences (4)
    - Department of Forest, Rangeland, and Fire Sciences (5)
    - Department of Natural Resources and Society (7)
    - Environmental Science Program (1)
  - College of Science (14)
    - Center for Modelling and Complex Interactions (1)
    - Department of Biological Sciences (6)
    - Department of Geological Sciences (3)
    - Department of Physics (3)
    - Department of Statistical Science (1)
  - Institute for Bioinformatics & Evolutionary Studies (3)

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Allocation

- Disbursed 100% of the allocation = $30,000.00 (final approved application received on 2/21/2019)
- Article processing charges (APCs) for applications that met eligibility criteria ranged from $250.00 to $5,200.00
  - Average APC = $1,589.83
- U of I – OAPF awards ranged from $250.00 to $2,000.00
  - Average U of I – OAPF award = $1,304.35
    - This average is slightly low as the final approved application received the remainder of the U of I – OAPF allocation, which was only a portion of the actual requested APC

Links to funded articles available at: https://www.lib.uidaho.edu/services/oapf/funded.html

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**Percentage of U of I – OAPF funding received, by unit (FY 2019)**

- Agricultural and Life Sciences
- Engineering
- Institute for Bioinformatics & Evolutionary Studies
- Natural Resources
- Science

**Number of U of I – OAPF recipients, by unit (FY 2019)**

- Agricultural and Life Sciences
- Engineering
- Institute for Bioinformatics & Evolutionary Studies
- Natural Resources
- Science

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