UNO Open Access Fund Statistics: What do they tell us?

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ABSTRACT

Institutional digital repositories provide open access to research outputs created within a university or research institution. Many institutions currently support open access by paying article processing charges (APC) for their affiliated faculty and researchers. The University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) Libraries started the Open Access (OA) Fund program in 2014 to help cover the APC of tenure-track UNO authors.

This poster focuses on sharing the OA Fund management and its implementation with UNO OA Fund program data from three academic years. Studies have shown that publications made available in institutional repositories like DigitalCommons@UNO are accessed more often offering a greater potential impact to faculty and student populations.

Objectives

Participants will have learned:
- the practices of implementing the OA Fund program
- the outcomes of the program including the number of applications received and the number of applications denied
- total amount spent with a breakdown by departments
- the top five OA funded articles by number of journal article downloads through DigitalCommons@UNO

UNO OA FUND

Funding

The fundamental goals of the UNO OA Fund are to include and encourage the UNO community to publish their research in an OA journal and platform, DigitalCommons@UNO (http://digitalcommons.unomaha.edu/). Initial funding for UNO OA Fund program is provided by the UNO Libraries.

Author eligibility

- All UNO full-time tenure-track or tenured faculty are eligible to apply for funding.

Journal eligibility

- Peer-reviewed articles published in open access and “hybrid” journals.
  - Fully open access journals, which allow immediate free access to all their articles upon publication.
  - “Hybrid” open access journals, which are subscription-based journals and allow open access only to articles for which author open access fees have been paid.

Conditions of funding

- Authors may not submit open access articles accepted by publishers who institute embargo periods.
- Authors who have external funding which can be used for publishing fees are expected to use those funds whenever possible.
- The funding limit is $3,500 per author per academic year.
- Authors who receive OA funding must also deposit the article in DigitalCommons@UNO.

Highest $2,675.00 $3,000.00 $3,000.00
Lowest $650.00 $250.00 $200.00
Average $1,545.03 $1,566.00 $1,880.63

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