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# Introduction

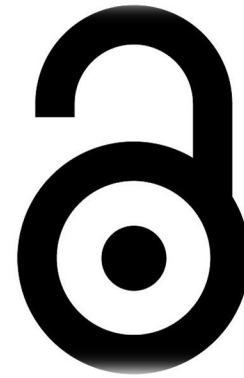
- UNO Open Access Fund
  - disciplinary diversity of applicants
  - eligibility guidelines
- Comparison with other institutions' OA Funds
- Benefits of publishing open access





# Terms Used in this Presentation

- Institutional Repository (IR)
- DigitalCommons@UNO
- Open Access (OA)
- Open Access Fund



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OPEN ACCESS**



## UNO Open Access Fund

- Established 2014
- 107 Applicants
  - 78 Applicants Granted Funding
- Budget: \$40,000 per annum
  - \$3,151.24 extra for FY 2017-2018
  - \$45,000 **proposed** amount for FY 2018-2019

Year	Remaining Balance
2014-2015	\$15,534.62
2015-2016	\$3,981.91
2016-2017	\$5,752.50
2017-2018	\$0 (\$3,151.24 extra spent)
<b>Unspent Funds</b>	\$25,269.03
<b>Total Spent</b>	\$137,882.21



## OA Funds from 56 Institutions across North America

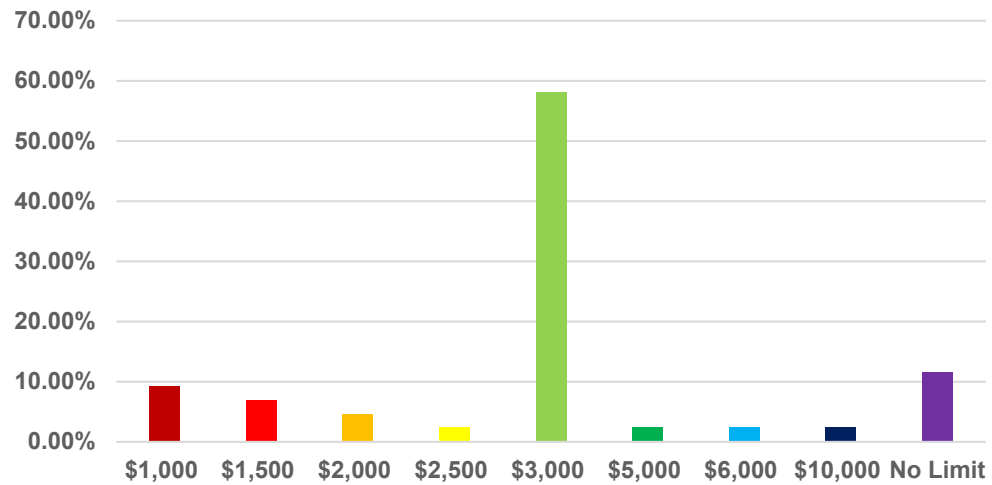
<i>Total</i>	2,612,825
<i>Average</i>	48,279
<i>Mode</i>	50,000
<i>Lowest</i>	10,000
<i>Highest</i>	156,000

UNO Open Access Fund: \$40,000 per annum  
(FY 2014-2015 to 2017-2018)

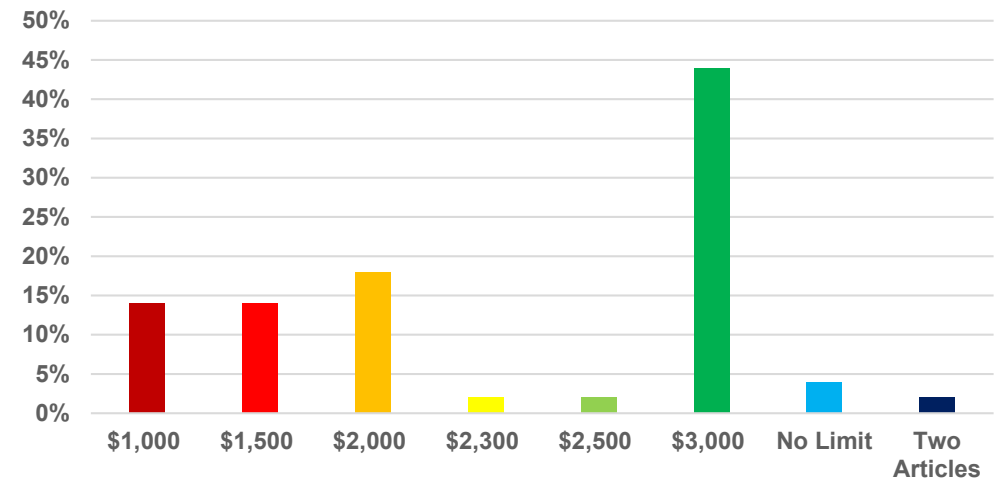




OA Fund: Per Person (annually)



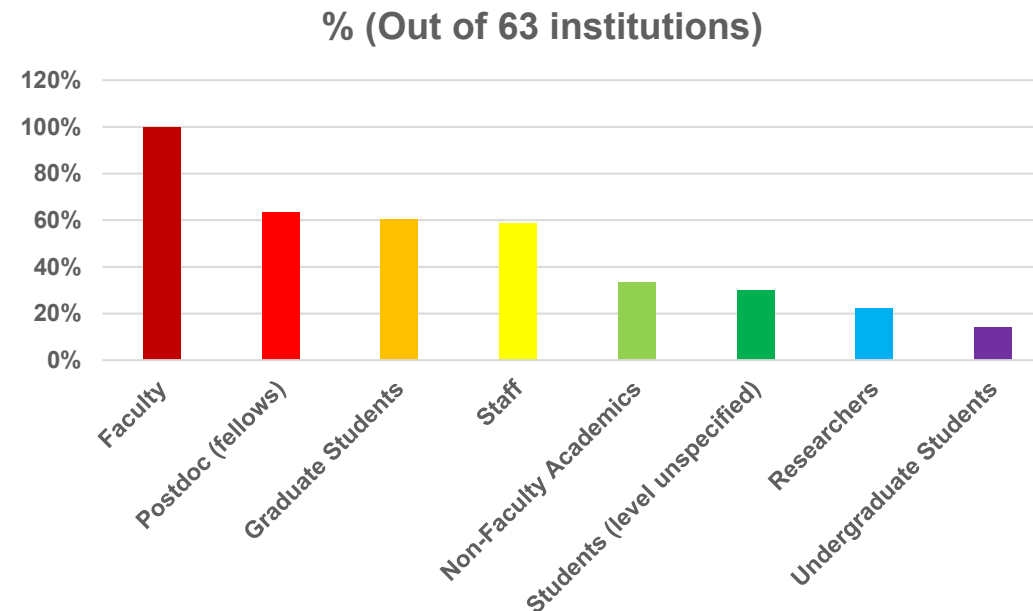
OA Fund: Per Article



*UNO Open Access Fund \$3,500 per annum per author*



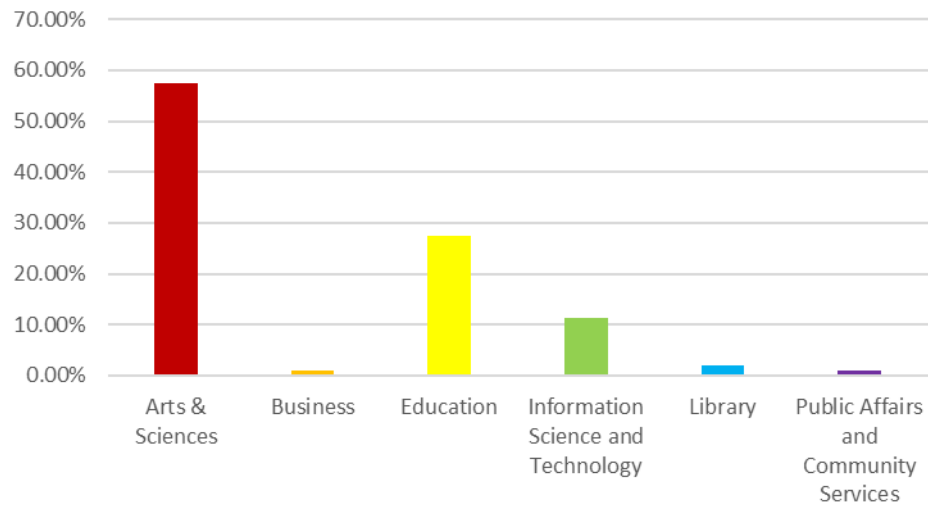
# Who is eligible?



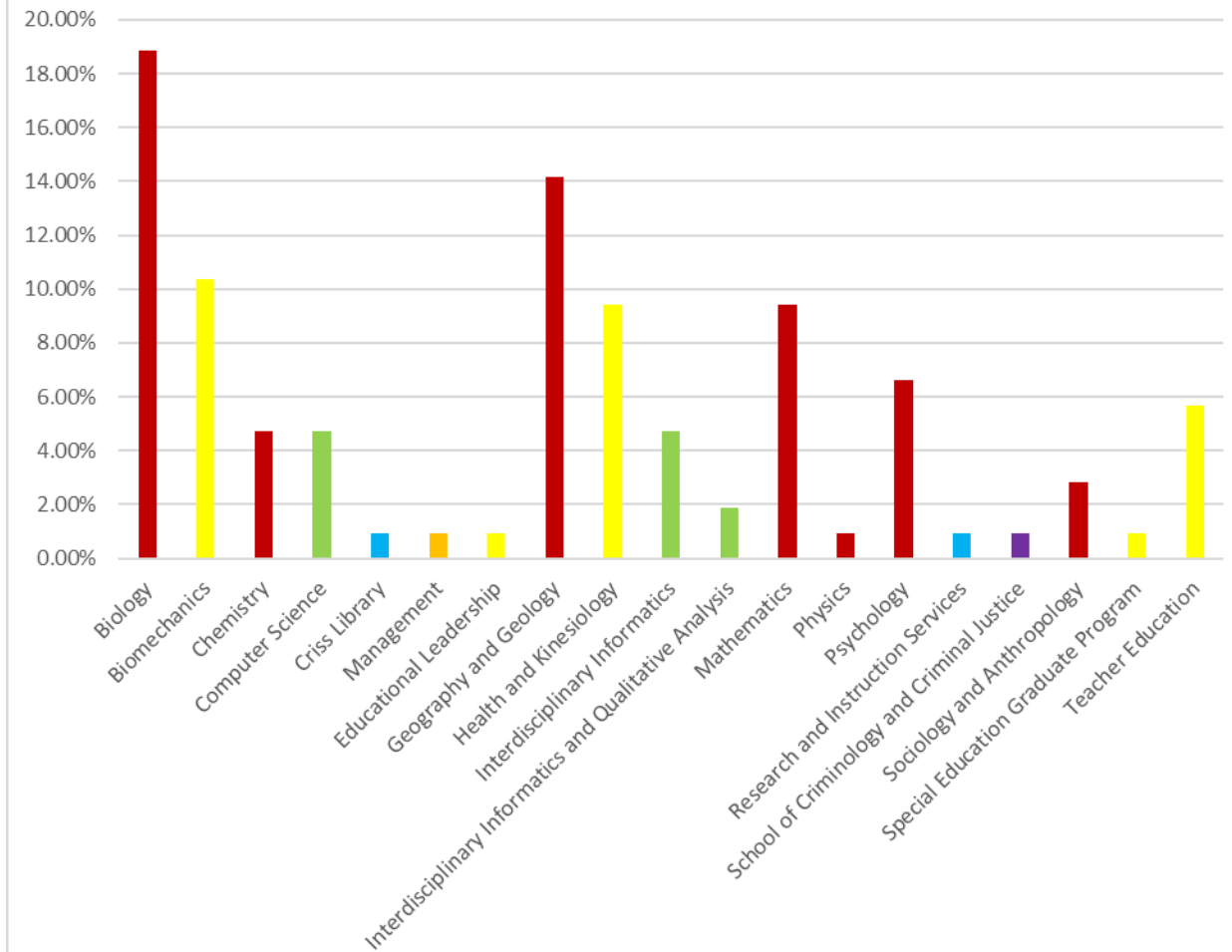
UNO Faculty (Tenure and Tenure-Track) are the only ones eligible for the fund



OA Fund Applications by College



OA Fund Applications by Department





## UNO Open Access Fund Changes: FY 2018-2019

- Increase fund from \$40,000
  - average \$48,279
- Increase eligibility criteria to include student and staff
  - 30% all students, 60% graduates, 14% undergraduates
  - 59% allow staff
- Maintain average annual author amount at \$3,500
- Increase outreach efforts in underrepresented disciplines

## Why have an OA fund?

- Helps authors retain rights to their work
- Assist authors in avoiding predatory journals
- Increases visibility of scholarship and faculty standing in the academic community
- 18% Higher citation rate for OA articles (compared to average); paid-access articles citation rate 10% below average
- 27.9% of articles (in a journal with a Crossref-DOI) are OA



## **Budapest Open Access Initiative**

‘Removing access barriers to this literature will accelerate research, enrich education, share the learning of the rich with the poor and the poor with the rich, make this literature as useful as it can be, and lay the foundation for uniting humanity in a common intellectual conversation and quest for knowledge.’

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