

# Marie Curie Open Access Policy

Version 4

<b>Audience</b> Researchers at Marie Curie's Research Centres, Marie Curie Hospices and researchers funded through Marie Curie's open and competitive grant funding streams.		
<b>Summary</b> This document outlines Marie Curie's policy on making academic publications arising from its research funding Open Access (OA), and how Open Access fees can be paid for.		
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**Supporting documents**  
n/a

## Objective

The objective of this document is to explain Marie Curie's expectation that publications resulting from its research funding are made Open Access, to state how Open Access fees can be paid for, and to give guidance on how researchers can comply with the policy.

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## Open Access and Europe PubMed Central

Marie Curie relies on donations from the public to fund its activities, including research that has the potential to improve the care and support of people with terminal illnesses and their families, carers and friends. Marie Curie is therefore committed to ensuring that the results of its research funding are available as freely and widely as possible and has made this a condition of its funding arrangements.

Electronic copies of publications arising from Marie Curie funded research should be made available through Europe PubMed Central (Europe PMC) as soon as possible and in any event within six months of the date of publication.

Europe PMC is a permanent and free to access digital archive of biomedical and life sciences journal literature, funded by a consortium of leading UK and European biomedical research funders, including Marie Curie.

We will provide the names and contact details of our grant holders to Europe PMC in connection with the administration of the Europe PMC database and website. Europe PMC may contact grant holders directly for such purposes. In addition, publications will be linked to Marie Curie grants on Europe PMC either by the researcher, Marie Curie or through Researchfish.

## Which types of publication are eligible for support?

The policy applies to peer-reviewed, original research reports and systematic reviews that have been supported wholly or partly by Marie Curie. The policy does not apply to book chapters, editorials, opinion pieces or conference proceedings.



## Acknowledgement of Marie Curie funding

Authors must ensure that funding from Marie Curie and any co-funders is acknowledged in any papers published as a result of Marie Curie support. The grant reference number should be included (and including the grant reference number in the acknowledgement, as it appears in your Researchfish account, will also aid the automatic linking of these publications to your Researchfish account). The recommended wording for acknowledgement of our funding streams is outlined below.

- For researchers funded through our grant schemes:  
“This work was supported by the Marie Curie [*and any co-funders*], grant [*grant reference number*].”
- Recommended wording for acknowledgement of Centre funding:  
“This work was supported by Marie Curie core/programme/chair grant funding to the [*name of Centre*], grant [*grant reference number*].”

Or

“[*Author*]'s post(s) is/was/are/were supported by Marie Curie core/programme/chair grant funding, grant [*grant reference number*].

- Recommended wording for acknowledgement of author's Marie Curie Hospice post(s):  
“[*Author*]'s hospice post(s) is/was/are/were supported by Marie Curie.”

## Guidelines on how to comply with Marie Curie's Open Access Policy

Many journals will deposit the final published version of the article on behalf of the authors directly into Europe PMC (or into US PubMed Central, from where it is mirrored to Europe PMC) to be made freely available immediately on publication (often referred to as Gold Open Access). Journals charge an Article Processing Charge (APC) for this option and we will consider payment of this fee (as described in the sections below).

Alternatively, the journal may deposit the final, peer-reviewed manuscript in Europe PMC to be made freely available after an embargo period (often referred to as Green Open Access). Usually no fee is charged for this service.

In some cases, the journal will not deposit the article but will allow the authors to deposit a copy of the final, peer-reviewed manuscript in Europe PMC to be made freely available after an embargo period. Europe PMC has an author manuscript submission system for authors to self-archive papers.

A small number of journals are non-compliant with Marie Curie's Open Access policy. However, Marie Curie does not wish to prevent researchers from submitting research publications to the most appropriate journal. As a result Marie Curie funded researchers may publish in a journal that does not allow the article to be deposited in Europe PMC within 6 months in exceptional circumstances.

## Funding for Open Access publications

### For Marie Curie's open and competitive funding streams:

Marie Curie will consider requests for Open Access publication fees as part of applications to all Marie Curie open and competitive funding streams.

Marie Curie expects all research costs, including publishing costs, to be budgeted for when a grant application is submitted. However, unspent Marie Curie grant funds may be vired to cover Open Access costs for publications from grants that are still active.

Any amount unused from the grant budget beyond the grant end date cannot be retained and should be returned to Marie Curie. Open Access publication fees can still be requested after the grant end

date and Marie Curie will consider payment of this fee depending on the acknowledgement of Marie Curie funding and Marie Curie being a key funder. Marie Curie expects to pay the relevant proportion of the costs if work has been funded by one or more funding bodies.

#### For Marie Curie Research Centres:

Marie Curie will consider payment of OA fees where Marie Curie has been acknowledged as the sole funder. If work has been funded by one or more funding bodies, Marie Curie expects to pay the relevant proportion of the costs.

#### For Marie Curie Hospices:

Marie Curie will consider payment of Open Access fees where the author's post(s) is/are funded by Marie Curie. Marie Curie expects to pay the relevant proportion of the costs if work has been funded by one or more funding bodies.

### **Claiming Open Access fees**

Authors should contact Marie Curie at the time of acceptance to a journal, to notify Marie Curie of the journal's Open Access route and costs and to request the relevant funds. Authors should submit a draft copy of the paper containing details of the author(s), title, abstract, acknowledgement and full text, if possible, to Marie Curie when requesting the Open Access fee. If approved, Marie Curie asks that the institution pays the Open Access fees in the first instance, and then invoices Marie Curie. The invoice will be processed when the Marie Curie Research Management Team verifies that the article has been made fully Open Access.

Please contact the Research Management Team, with any queries at [research.info@mariecurie.org.uk](mailto:research.info@mariecurie.org.uk)

## **Governance**

### **Consultation**

This policy was developed in consultation with the Association of Medical Research Charities and is the result of Marie Curie joining the Europe PMC Funders' Group. This policy was developed by the Research Management Team.

### **References and related documents**

[EuropePMC website](#)

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