

# Open Access & Predatory Publishing

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# Objectives

- Identify the key characteristics and benefits of open access publications.
- Explain the differences between the various Creative Commons license options.
- Explain what to look for when evaluating publishers.



# Open Access defined

“Open Access is the free, immediate, online availability of research articles coupled with the rights to use these articles fully in the digital environment.

Open Access ensures that anyone can access and use these results—to turn ideas into industries and breakthroughs into better lives.”

SPARC <https://sparcopen.org/open-access/>

# Benefits of open access





# NIH Publication Requirements

<https://unmc.libguides.com/nih-public-access-policy>

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## NIH Public Access Policy Toolkit: Home

Provides information on the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Public Access Policy mandate and how researchers can be in compliance.

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### About the NIH Public Access Policy

The [NIH Public Access Policy](#) requires that all researchers funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) submit or have submitted for them to the National Library of Medicine's [PubMed Central \(PMC\)](#) an electronic version of their final, peer-reviewed manuscripts upon acceptance for publication, to be made publicly available no later than 12 months after the official date of publication.

For non-competing continuation grant awards with a start date of July 1, 2013 or beyond:

- NIH will delay processing of an award if publications arising from it are not in compliance with the [NIH Public Access Policy](#).
- Investigators will need to use [My NCBI](#) (a feature in PubMed), along with their [eRA Commons](#) account to enter papers onto progress reports. Papers can be associated electronically using the Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR), or included in the PHS 2590 using the My NCBI generated PDF report.

Please see [NOT-OD-12-160](#) for more details.

### From the NIH Director

- [Statement on NIH plans to speed access to federally funded research results](#)

### Contact Us

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Via SMS/Text  
402-370-5016

[askus@unmc.edu](mailto:askus@unmc.edu) or via  
[askus form](#)

### NIH Public Access Policy -- does it apply to me?

[NIH Public Access Policy Overview](#)

The policy applies to you if your article:



# Types of open access

- Green
- Gold
- Hybrid
- Diamond
- Bronze

# Creative Commons licenses





# Creative Commons licenses

BY: Credit must be given to the creator

SA: Adaptations must be shared under the same terms

NC: Only noncommercial uses of the work are permitted

ND: No derivatives or adaptations of the work are permitted







# Article Processing Charges (APC)

- Open access publishing can come with a price tag.
  - Peer review
  - Copy-editing
  - Hosting
- \$2,000 - \$3,000 up to \$10,000 or more for prestige journals



# How to pay?

- Write into grants
- Waivers and discounts
  - McGoogan Health Sciences Library
  - Society membership
  - Discretionary

# Open Access Publishing Discounts for UNMC



<https://unmc.libguides.com/authortoolkit/oadiscounts>

- PLOS Biology and BLOS Medicine
- Wiley and Hindawi
- Elsevier (select titles)
- Biochemical Society

# Predatory publishing – Evaluating Publishers



“Predatory publishers or journals are those which charge authors a fee for publication with no intention of providing the expected services – such as editorial or peer review – in return.”



# What to watch for, part 1

- A journal title which can be easily confused with another journal or that might mislead potential authors and readers about the journal's origin, scope or association with other journals
- Very wide scope
- Displays of unofficial impact factors
- False claims of being indexed in major services like PubMed or DOAJ
- No publisher address or contact information
- Unclear ownership of the journal
- Spams researchers with many emails inviting submissions, often unrelated to expertise



# What to watch for, part 2

- Advertises very fast times from submission to publication
- Publishes out-of-scope articles
- Publishes nonsense articles
- Poor or non-existent editing of articles (many spelling mistakes or very poor grammar)
- Hides information on charges
- No editorial board is listed, or the editorial board comprises dead or retired scholars or scholars who are not specialized in the topic
- Lack of information on the policies of the journal, such as peer review, licensing and copyright



<https://thinkchecksubmit.org/>

# Journals

 thinkchecksubmit.org/journals

## Do you or your colleagues know the journal?

- Have you read any articles in the journal before?
- Is it easy to discover the latest papers in the journal?
- Name of the journal: the name is unique; it is not the same or easily confused with another journal.
- Can you cross check with information about the journal in the ISSN portal?

## Can you easily identify and contact the publisher?

- Is the publisher name clearly displayed on the journal website?
- Can you contact the publisher by telephone, email, and post?

## Is the journal clear about the type of peer review it uses?

- Does the website mention whether the process involves independent/external reviewers, how many reviewers per paper?
- Is the publisher offering a review by an expert editorial board or by researchers in your subject area?
- The journal doesn't guarantee acceptance or a very short peer review time.

## Are articles indexed and/or archived in dedicated services?

- Will your work be indexed/archived in an easily discoverable database?
- Does the publisher ensure long term archiving and preservation of digital publications?
- Does the publisher use permanent digital identifiers?

## Is it clear what fees will be charged?

- Does the journal site explain what these fees are for and when they will be charged?
- Does the publisher explain on their website how they are financially supported?
- Do they mention the currency and amount of any fees?
- Does the publisher website explain whether or not waivers are available?

## Are guidelines provided for authors on the publisher website?

- For open access journals, does the publisher have a clear license policy? Are there preferred licenses? Are there exceptions permitted depending on the needs of the author? Are license details included on all publications?
- Does the publisher allow you to retain copyright of your work? Can you share your work via, for example, an institutional repository, and under what terms?
- Does the publisher have a clear policy regarding potential conflicts of interest for authors, editors and reviewers?
- Can you tell what formats your paper will be available in? (e.g. HTML, XML, PDF)
- Does the journal provide any information about metrics of usage or citations?







# Capstone Projects

- Assist with building comprehensive search strategies
- Navigating the databases
- Citation managers

# Office Hours



## The Librarian Is In - CoPH Office Hours

### Spring 2024 Office Hours @ College of Public Health

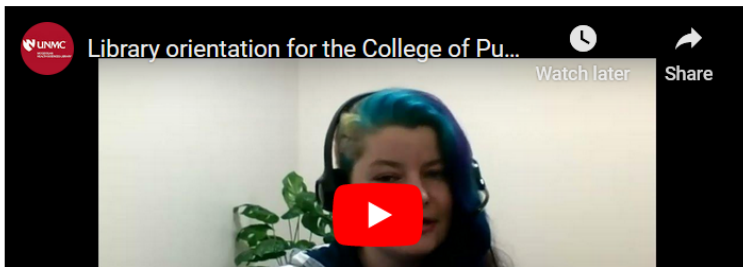
I'm available for drop-in consultations (time and location listed in the chart below). If the times and dates listed do not work with your schedule, I am available to meet virtually throughout the week. Arrange virtual meetings that fit your schedule by going to the site linked below, selecting the "Education and Research Librarian Consultation" option and choosing the correct name from the dropdown list:

[Set up a meeting with Professor King](#)

Days	Time	Location
Thursdays	2:30pm - 4:30pm	CoPH 2nd Floor Hallway

**There will be no office hours on April 18th 2024.**

## Student Orientation Video



## Your Library Liaison



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# Questions?

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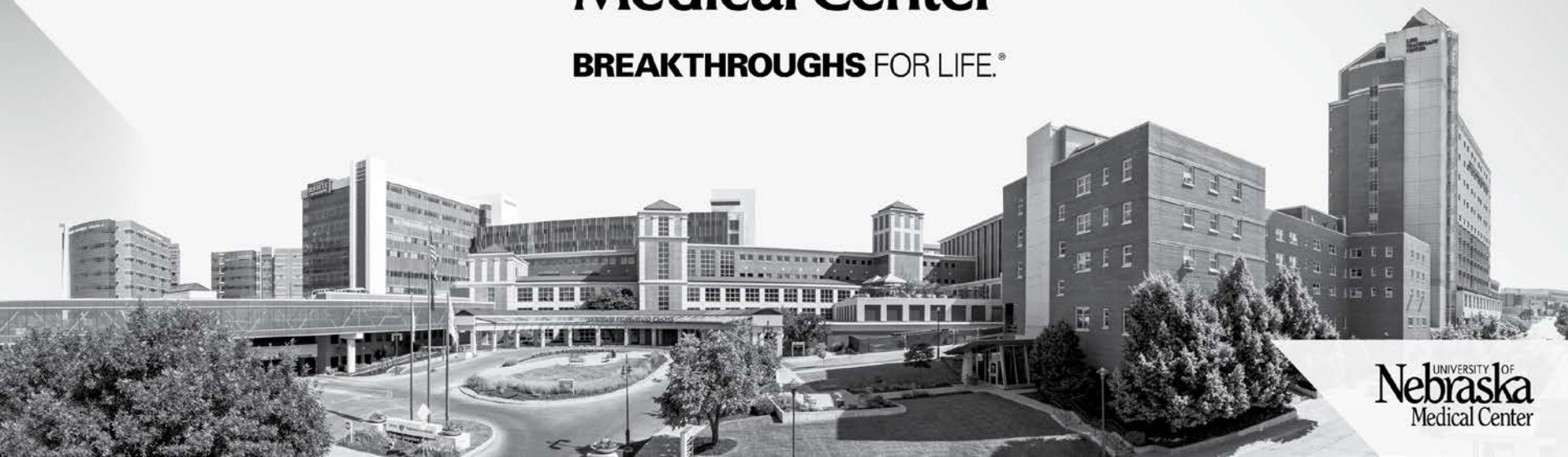
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