TRANSFORMATIVE RENEWALS 2021

As the Biochemical Society’s publisher, Portland Press represents one half of a joint mission to disseminate and advance science, share knowledge and expertise, critically discuss ideas, and provide forums for collaboration.

In 2020 we were one of the first Society publishers in the world to launch Read & Publish pilot transformative offerings as an alternative to subscription renewals.

Our optional ‘Read & Publish’ sustainable model initiates a route to full open access (OA) publishing and provides an inbuilt solution to the burden of transacting individual article publishing charges (APCs). This means that authors from participating institutions have access to all of our journals and, by default, can publish unlimited OA in our journals without incurring any additional charges on top of their institutional subscriptions.

Email sales@portlandpress.com for details of your transformative Read & Publish package for 2021

2021 prices frozen at 2020 rates

Read & Publish participating institutions have saved >£60,000 in notional charges against OA publishing

17% of articles accepted in hybrid journals have ‘flipped’ to OA under these transformative pilots
OPTIONS IN THE RENEWAL CYCLE

READ & PUBLISH WITH PORTLAND PRESS

Representing a first step to transitioning business models, we’ve combined the subscription (‘read’) element of our journal offering with an OA-publishing (‘publish’) component, providing a unified, transformative renewal option for current subscribers on a pilot basis. Implementing a flexible approach to 2021 renewals, our Read & Publish offering represents an alternative option for individual research institutions† alongside standard 2021 subscriptions.

HOW IT WORKS

‘WHO THIS IS FOR…

All subscribers who are not:

- Corporate organizations
- Subscribing through consortia∗
- One of our highest-spending or frequently publishing institutions**

∗other approaches are being actively considered for and with consortia  ∗∗these institutions will receive bespoke pricing
FLIP YOUR OUTPUTS TO OA IN 2021
All articles accepted for publication from a corresponding author based at your institution will automatically be published OA.

UNLIMITED OA PUBLISHING
An uncapped number of OA articles from corresponding authors affiliated with your institution in 2021 can be published under this deal.

APC-FREE
No article publishing charges (APCs) means your researchers will enjoy hassle-free publishing and institutions will be freed from managing article-based invoices.

ALL INCLUSIVE
Unlimited APC-free OA publishing and online access applies to our entire portfolio, including our five hybrid journals and our two fully OA journals.

IMPACT AND REACH
OA articles average 4x more downloads, 1.6x more citations and 2.5x more Altmetric attention than non-OA equivalents.¹

VALUE FOR MONEY
Read: a ‘freeze’ to the subscription (‘read’) component of the offering, representing zero increase to 2020’s subscription price for the all-journals package. Publish: unlimited APC-free OA publishing for less than the equivalent of one APC.

EASE OF RENEWAL
Harnessing existing workflows, renew through your preferred subscription agent or come to us direct.

TRANSFORMATIVE
Our five hybrid journals are committed to becoming fully OA in a way that supports researchers and institutions across the world. We hope to transition our journals away from paywalls through increasing uptake in our Read & Publish offering.

SHAPE THE FUTURE OF SCHOLARLY RESEARCH
Scholarly journals should be open, re-usable and sustainable. Renewing to Read & Publish for 2021 converts your institution’s outputs in our journals to OA and helps to shape a more open scholarly future.

WHY READ & PUBLISH?

Research is a global endeavor, its effects are international: publication of validated, peer-reviewed research findings is an in-built part of this endeavor, providing a basis for sharing insight, understanding, and inspiration.

For a long time, journal subscriptions based on paywalled content represented the best economic model through which to support the publication of bioscience research, spreading costs across institutional subscribers around the world and generating income to facilitate the Biochemical Society’s charitable activities. In the interconnected and digital world of 2020, however, we believe that paywalls have become barriers to the process of sharing scientific research. Combined with our long-held belief in open scholarship, changes to OA mandates and policies have only reaffirmed the Society’s commitment to sustainably transitioning from paywalled research to fully OA publishing and, in turn, evolving our policies and practices in line with the changing needs of the research community.

Responding positively to projected changes in the sector is vital to maintaining the health and diversity of the academic landscape. Alongside other learned societies, we’re proud to be part of the Society Publishers’ Coalition and are working to maintain an open dialogue between publishers, learned societies, researchers, institutions, and funders as we navigate these transitions. Our pilot transformative renewal offering represents the first step in transitioning our business models, establishing a route to full OA through an optional Read & Publish renewal for ~700 subscribers. Whether you’re renewing through your preferred subscription agent or subscribing direct, help shape a more open scholarly future by renewing to Read & Publish for 2021.

HAVE YOUR SAY...

Our Read & Publish renewal option may not appeal to all institutions at this time, but we hope that this pilot offering demonstrates our willingness to transition away from an outdated business model. We especially hope that it opens the door to more involved dialogue with our librarians and partners. Your input is vital to positively affecting the changing landscape of academic publishing and to co-developing a model for the future.

Please email your feedback or any questions to sales@portlandpress.com.
RESEARCH JOURNALS

REVIEW JOURNALS

ABOUT PORTLAND PRESS

As the Biochemical Society’s publisher, we work in partnership with researchers, institutions, and funders to share knowledge and advance the molecular biosciences.

Publishing world-leading research and reviews across our portfolio of seven journals, we return all of our profits to the life science community in support of our Society’s charitable objectives. With more than 6 million worldwide article views in 2019, our journals cover the depth and breadth of the molecular biosciences, from observational work to interpreting mechanisms, from translating basic research into medical insights to foundational overviews of new and emerging topics.

Directing our profits back into the life science community, the Biochemical Society offers an extensive programme of scientific meetings, training events, educational activities, public engagement, policy work and awards and grants, providing support for researchers and specialists, teachers, and members of the public.