

Support for Open Access Publishing @ WVU

Presentation to Faculty Senate Library Committee

April 27, 2018

Purpose of the Open Access Author Fund



- The OAAF is intended as an aid for WVU authors who want to publish scholarly content in open access journals and need to pay an article processing charge
- WVU Libraries are supporting this fund because we are committed to open access to research
- It is not intended to replace grant funding or other sources of University funding such as the *Eberly College Subvention Fund*

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Ask A Librarian

Requirements

- Publication in a fully open access journal, **not a hybrid**
- Journal's website has a clear display of article charges
- Journal must be:
 - listed in the *Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ)*
 - OR
 - a member of the *Open Access Scholarly Publishers Association (OASPA)* or adhere to its Code of Conduct


Requirements

- Health Sciences researchers may receive up to \$1,000 per year; all others up to \$2,000/year
- Submitting Author must be WVU faculty, staff or student (any campus)

Fund Limits

Publication charges will be paid to the publisher on behalf of an author on a first-come-first-served basis. Once the fund is expended, there will be no more funds until the next fiscal year. The program is a pilot project, and for this reason in early years funding will be limited and will be disbursed to authors upon approval by the OAAF Committee and in the order in which they were received and approved.

Applying for Funds



Once an author has a manuscript accepted by a qualifying journal, he or she should immediately apply for open access funds using the [application form](#). The OAAF Committee in the University Libraries will review the applications and vet and prioritize them based on criteria for eligibility, guidelines, and available funding. Authors will receive notification of decision via email within 3 business days. The decision of the Committee is final.

Open Access Author Fund Committee

The OAAF Committee represents all WVU research constituencies and is a mix of teaching faculty and librarians from across the Downtown, Evansdale, and Health Sciences campuses. Current members are:

[Susan Arnold](#), Health Sciences Library, Chair

Marian Armour-Gemmen, Evansdale Library

Cheryl Ball, English Department

Wathiq Abdul-Razzaq, Physics and Astronomy Department

Peter Giacobbi, College of Physical Activity and Sport Sciences, Joint Appointment School of Public Health

George Kelley, Health Sciences

Open Access Author Fund (OAAF) Application Eligibility Checklist

You must answer YES to all of the following questions to proceed.

Are you seeking funds to publish in a fully open access publication? A fully open access publication does not require a subscription nor payment for individual articles.

Yes

No

Are you employed or enrolled at West Virginia University?

Yes

No

Are you requesting \$1,000 or less if at the Health Sciences Center, or \$2,000 or less if anywhere else in the University?

Yes

No

Checklist:

- ✓ Fully open-access journal
- ✓ Employed or enrolled at West Virginia University
- ✓ Not exceeding the \$\$ cap
- ✓ Article already accepted by journal
- ✓ Payment to go directly to publisher

Online Application Form

through
Qualtrics

Open Access Author Fund (OAAF) Application

Please carefully read the [guidelines for applying](#) for the fund before submission.

Author requesting funding: First name (s)

Author requesting funding: Last name(s)

Author eMail: @wvu.edu

Status:

Faculty

Post-Doctoral

Student

Staff

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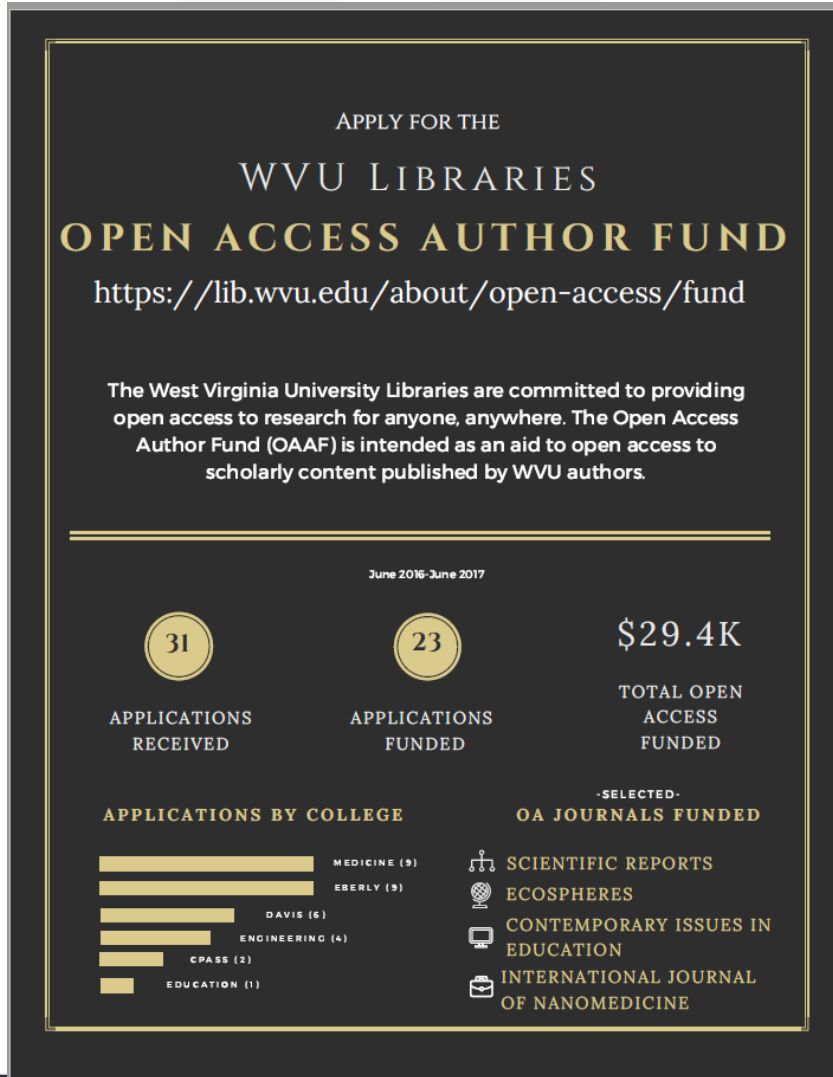
Vagner Benedito, Davis College, Division of Plant & Soil Sciences

Peter Giacobbi, College of Physical Activity and Sport Sciences, Joint Appointment School of Public Health

George Kelley, Health Sciences

Jason Manning, Department of Sociology and Anthropology

2016-2017 Summary



- 31 applications received; 23 funded
- \$29,400 total open access funded
- Applications by college:
 - Medicine 9
 - Eberly 9
 - Davis 6
 - Engineering 4
 - CPASS 2
 - Education 1

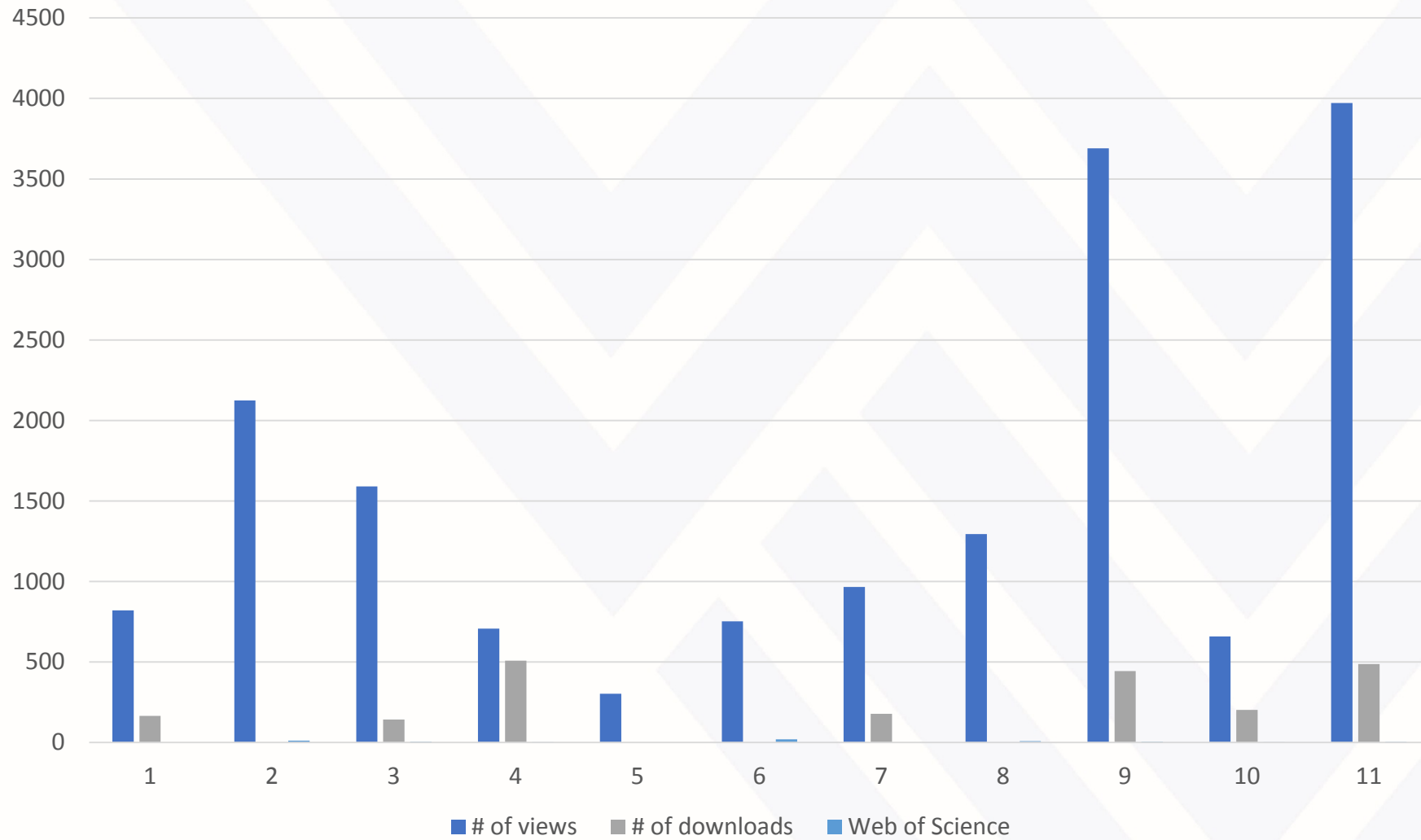
2017-2018 Update (July 1, 2017 – March 26, 2018)

- 30 requests, 25 funded
 - 11 Health Sciences
 - 7 School of Medicine
 - 2 Emergency Medicine
 - 1 Medicine
 - 1 Pediatrics
 - 1 Occupational Therapy
 - 1 Physiology, Pharmacology & Neuroscience
 - 1 Otolaryngology
 - 2 School of Public Health
 - 2 School of Pharmacy
 - 9 Eberly College of Arts & Sciences
 - 2 Sociology & Anthropology
 - 2 Physics & Astronomy
 - 3 Geology & Geography
 - 1 Biology
 - 1 Communication Studies
 - 9 Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources & Design
 - 4 Plant & Soil Sciences
 - 3 Animal & Nutritional Sciences
 - 1 Forestry & Natural Resources
 - 1 Fisheries & Natural Resources
 - 1 Statler College of Engineering and Mineral Resources

2017–2018 Update

- 24 faculty, 5 students, 1 resident
- (4) *PLoS ONE*, (3) BMC journals, (2) *BMJ Open*, (6) *MDPI* journals
- **\$30,991.42** expended; awards ranged from \$295 to \$1900; average = \$1161.81
- Reasons for denial: 3 were hybrid journals, 1 was predatory, 1 was Hindawi

Views/Downloads of WVU OA Articles Published July-December 2017



Other Avenues of Support

- Hindawi



- WVU authors do not pay any APC
- WVU averages about 30 publications/year in Hindawi journals

- BioMed Central



- WVU authors receive a 15% discount on APCs
- 14-28 publications/year from WVU the last few years

- MDPI (Multidisciplinary Digital Publishing Institute)

- WVU authors receive a 10% discount on APCs

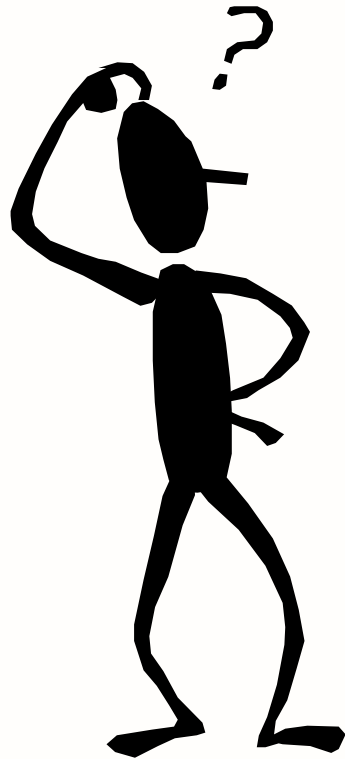




COGITATIO

- Publishes 4 journals:
 - *Media and Communication*
 - *Politics and Governance*
 - *Social Inclusion*
 - *Urban Planning*
- WVU-affiliated authors do not have to pay APCs for these journals

Please consider publishing Open Access and remember our Author Fund!



If you have further questions about the OAAF procedures or open access vs. predatory journals, please contact:

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