

HEAL-Link TRANSFORMATIVE AGREEMENT

Open Access Publishing Services

Author Journey



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1. Introduction to Open Access Publishing Services
2. Author Identification
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Introduction to Open Access Publishing Services

Acronym & Term	Definition
Open Access Publishing Services	Process of publishing an article open access (OA) in a Springer Nature Hybrid or Fully Open Access journal with the Article Processing Charge (APC) covered by an active agreement
Corresponding Author	Person responsible for the manuscript during the submission and production process. For open access publishing services, it is the corresponding author who signs the publishing agreement, and it is their affiliation which is used for identification of potential APC coverage
Approval Manager	Administrator from the institution/consortium who confirms via the Article Approval Service (AAS) platform whether the corresponding author and their article should be covered under the agreement

Acronym & Term	Definition
Article Approval Service (AAS)	Springer Nature-owned platform used by registered Approval Managers to action open access funding requests and by internal stakeholders to monitor the activities of an agreement
Author Journey/ Payments and Rights System	Post-editorial acceptance process in which the corresponding author is asked to confirm their eligibility and submit a funding request for open access publishing under an active agreement

OPEN ACCESS PUBLISHING

Publishing open access offers a number of benefits

1

Increased citation and usage

Studies have shown that open access articles are viewed and cited more often than articles behind a paywall

2

Compliance with open access mandates

Open access journals comply with major funding policies internationally

3

Wider collaboration

Open access publications and data enable researchers to carry out collaborative research on a global scale

4

Greater public engagement

Content is available to those who can't access subscription content

5

Faster impact

With permissive licences like CC BY, researchers are empowered to build on existing research quickly

6

Increased interdisciplinary conversation

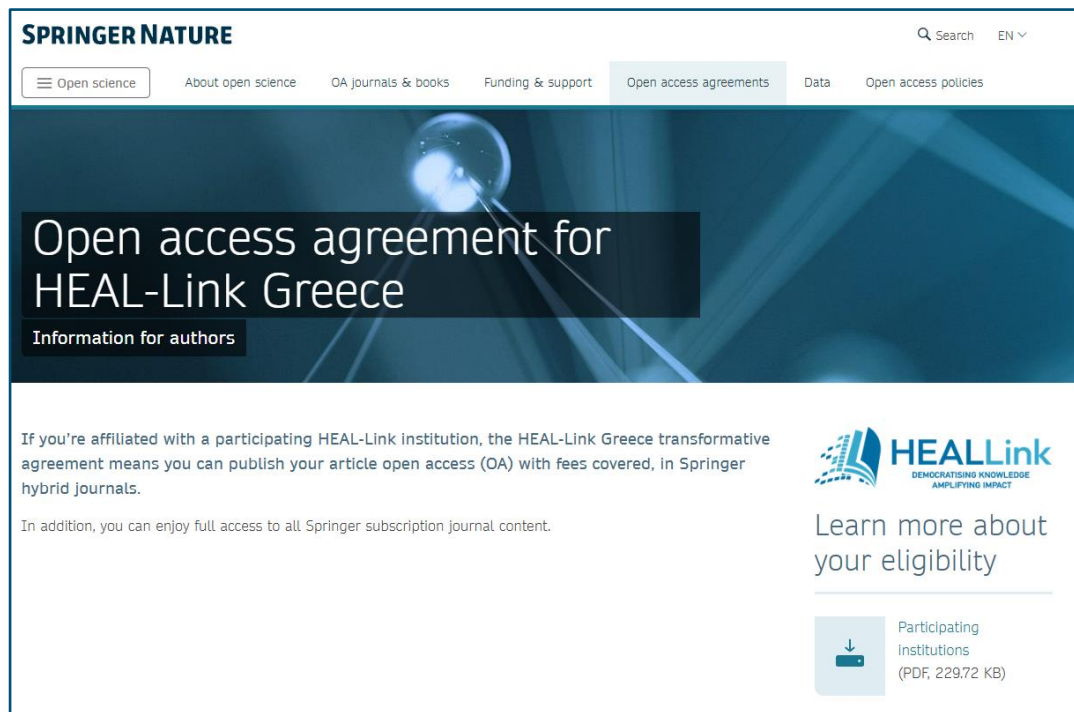
Open access journals that cross multiple disciplines help researchers connect more easily and provide greater visibility of the research

HEAL- LINK TRANSFORMATIVE AGREEMENT OVERVIEW

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Key information

- January 1st, 2026 – December 31st, 2029
- Number of Institutions: 44
- Yearly Article Allowance:
 - 2026: 625
- Number of Journals: 2071
- Eligible Article Types:
 - Original Paper
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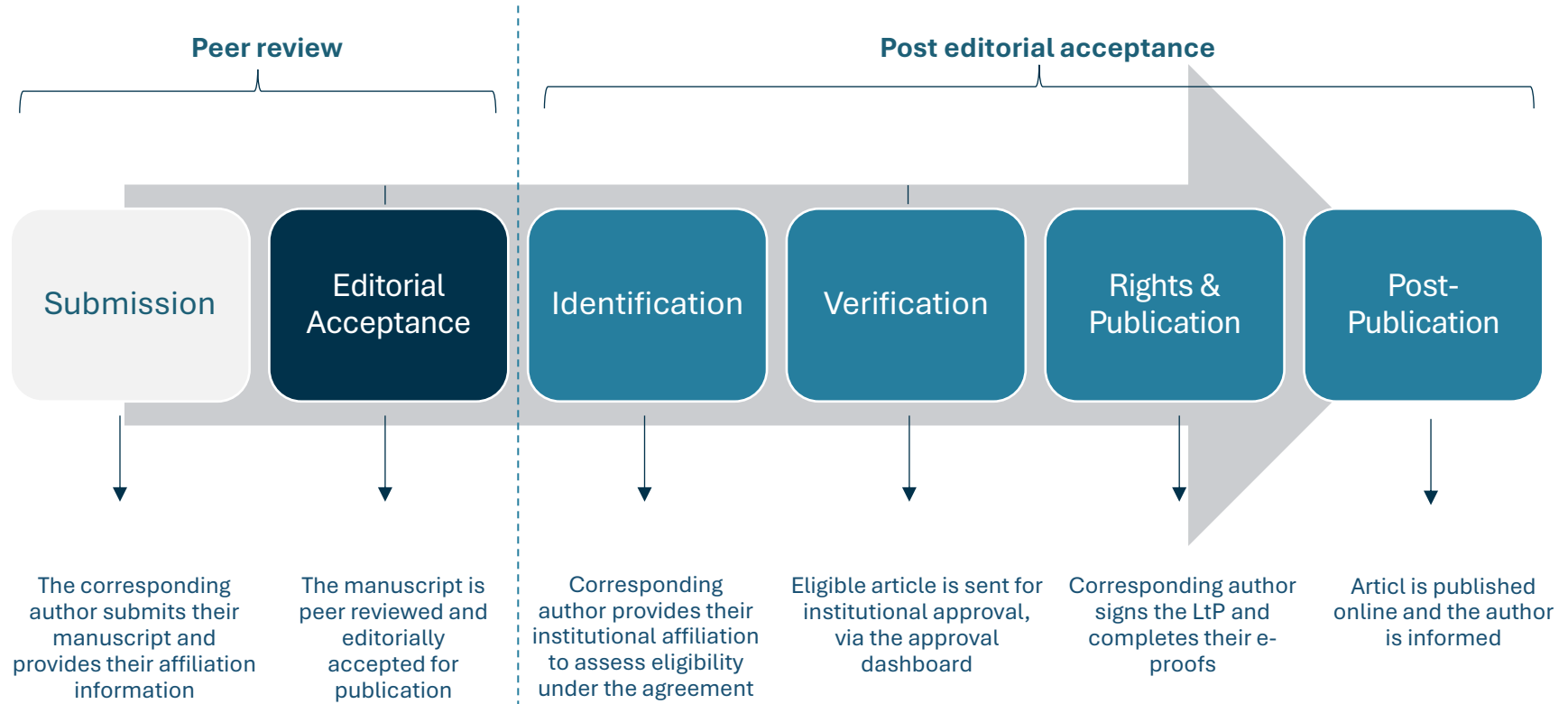
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Support for authors

Springer Nature offers author support throughout the entire publishing process

Useful resources include:

- [Author helpdesk](#)
- [Open access agreements](#)
- Country and agreement-specific webpages with information about participating institutions, eligible journals

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Upcoming author webinars

Paying for OA APCs through your institution

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Your institution's OA agreement with Springer Nature may provide:

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