

# SPRINGER NATURE OPEN ACCESS AGREEMENTS

A guide for authors

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# Introduction

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## Introduction to Springer Nature's open access agreements

Springer Nature is committed to accelerating the adoption of open access (OA) publishing and open research techniques. Having early and rapid access to research findings is fundamental to the advancement of science and discovery.

Springer Nature offers different types of OA agreements. These agreements cover hybrid and fully OA portfolios but the key focus of all these agreements is the coverage of publishing fees for authors from participating institutions.

## Types of open access agreement:

### Transformative agreements

Transformative agreements (TAs) enable institutions to combine subscription (reading) access along with OA publication fees in hybrid journals into a single licensing agreement.

- **Springer TAs:** cover OA publishing in more than 2,000 hybrid journals plus access to the Springer hybrid and subscription journal portfolio
- **Nature TAs:** cover OA publication and reading access in the Nature Portfolio hybrid journals.

### Fully open access agreements

These are publishing-only agreements for fully OA journals across the BMC, Springer, Palgrave Macmillan and Nature Research portfolios.

## To get your publication fees covered under an open access agreement

- You must be the corresponding author of the article.
- You must be affiliated with a participating institution.
- You must identify yourself during the author identification process (you will be asked to do this once your article has been accepted for publication).

# The benefits of open access

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## 1 Increased citation & usage:

Studies have shown that OA articles are viewed and cited more often than articles behind a paywall.



## 2 Wider collaboration:

OA publications and data enable researchers to carry out collaborative research on a global scale.



## 3 Greater public engagement:

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



## 4 Faster impact:

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



## 5 Increased interdisciplinary conversation:

OA journals that cross multiple disciplines help researchers connect more easily and provide greater visibility of their research.



## 6 Compliance with open access mandates:

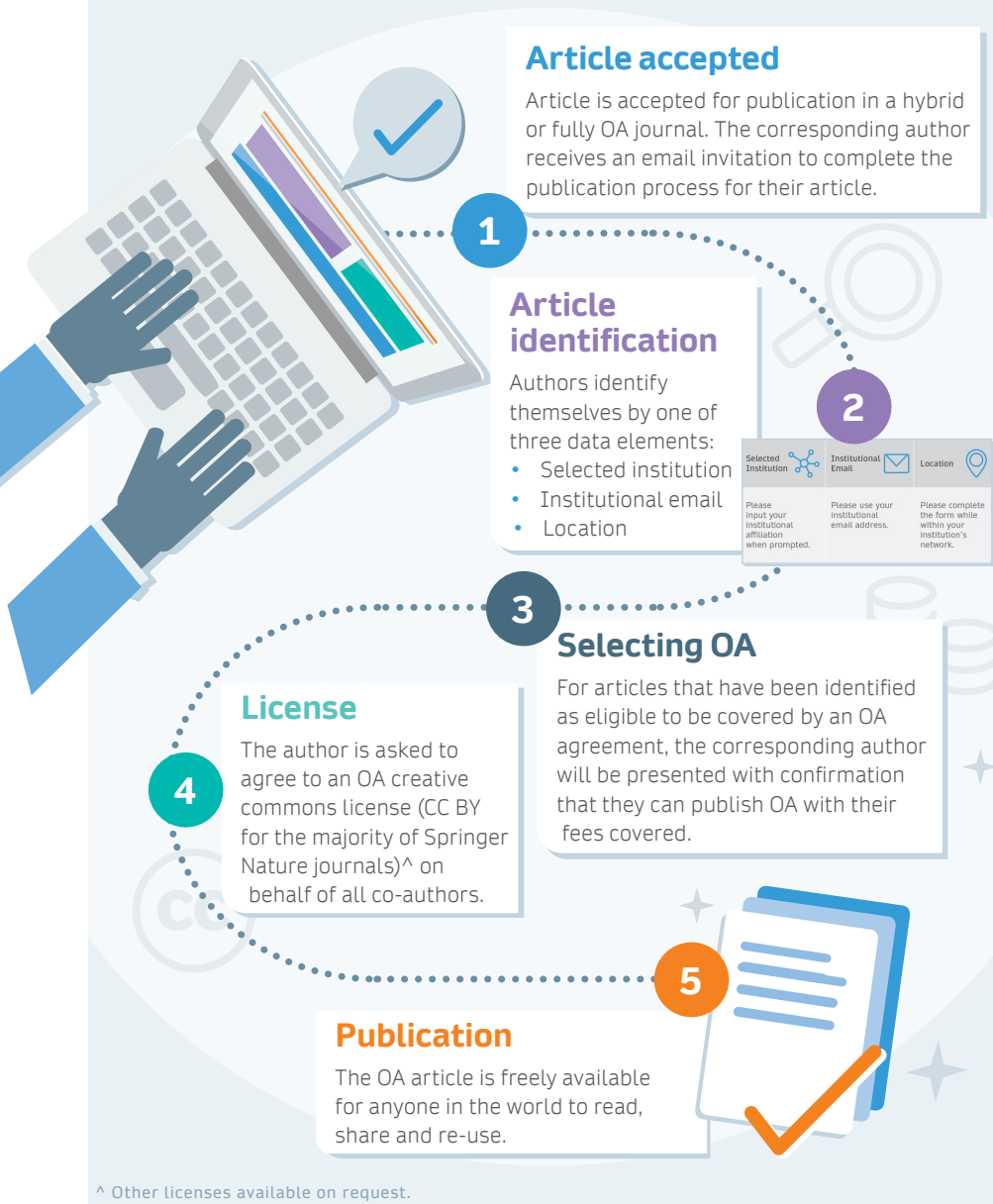
OA journals comply with major funding policies internationally.



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# Author workflow for publishing open access under an agreement

## Workflow for Authors



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# Springer Nature open research white papers

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