

PRESS RELEASE

Knowledge Unlatched: 1,250 titles submitted, 17 new publishers on board

Berlin, 19th March 2018. The team of Knowledge Unlatched (KU), the central platform for the sustainable funding of Open Access (OA) models, is pleased to announce a further increase in support from publishers for its activities. In preparation of its fifth funding round, which for the first time contains content from all research disciplines covering the Humanities, the Social Sciences and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Medicine) subjects, the team has just announced the current number of submissions and publisher partners.

“With 1,250 title submissions we have surpassed our own targets by far,” says Max Mosterd from Knowledge Unlatched. “Our Title Selection Committee is currently busy reviewing the submitted titles and selecting the most relevant content.” Titles come from 70 publishers, among them 17 presses who are participating in the KU crowdfunding model for the first time.

The KU Title Selection Committee consists of librarians from around the world who will guarantee that those titles selected are the most relevant for users worldwide. The number of Committee members has increased from 40 to almost 170. Members are currently reviewing the titles submitted by publishers and have until the end of March to select those titles most relevant to users all over the world. Pledging for KU Select 2018 will begin at the end of April this year.

In this new funding round Knowledge Unlatched will not only cover books and journals in the Humanities and Social Sciences, but also offer STEM content for the first time. In addition the KU platform will be opened up to new Open Access funding initiatives, including the Luminos membership model from University of California Press, OpenEdition and Open Commons of Phenomenology.

About Knowledge Unlatched: Knowledge Unlatched (KU) offers free access to scholarly content for every reader across the world. Our online platform provides libraries worldwide with a central place to support Open Access models from leading publishing houses and new OA initiatives.

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