

KU Open Funding is a marketplace system, bringing institutions, researchers and Open Access publishers together. Publishers have their OA offers in one central place, increasing access and visibility for researchers. The platform is designed to give researchers the option to filter through a list of predefined publishing offers, which have been approved by his/her library or institution for funding. It allows researchers to find the right publication offer for their publication needs, enabling a smooth OA publishing experience. Additionally, BPC payment through KU Open Funding is hassle-free and a streamlined process for all involved. We would say that KU Open Funding benefits all stakeholders involved in Open Access publishing.

## How it Works

1. Publishers insert their offers and publication specifications into the KU portal
2. Institutions can deposit an amount for Book Processing Charge funding with KU
3. The researcher selects her/his most suitable offer by filtering the criteria on the Open Funding platform
4. The publisher is notified and peer reviews the manuscript to evaluate the content
5. Once the publisher confirms the manuscript, KU and the author will be notified
6. The publisher and the author start producing the monograph
7. Once the book is finished, the publisher is paid by KU from the deposited funds

## Benefits for Publishers

KU Open Funding is designed to promote Open Access book programs. Publishers have their Open Access offers in one central place, increasing access and visibility for researchers. By specifying publication details publishers enable researchers to find and compare the publication offer that suits their future publication best. Publishers are able to specify their publication details via a structured format, while also being able to distinguish themselves with excellent Open Access services and policies and the option to write free texts. When a publisher and researcher agree on their publication, Knowledge Unlatched handles the BPC payment through secured institutional funding. A hassle-free BPC payment structure is the cornerstone of KU Open Funding. Additionally, KU Open Funding includes free Distribution, Indexing, and Archiving of the published Open Access books, making sure anyone in the world has access to the book that you published.

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