KU Open Funding for Institutions

The Central Platform for Open Access Publishing

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 Institutions & Researchers

Libraries receive an overview of OA publishing offers from a large number of publishers. Then they can make an easy selection of these offers for their researchers. This Author Referal process gives libraries full control over the publishing offers their researchers can select. Thus, KU Open Funding has a streamlined process for researcher approval. Additionally, the BPC payment process through deposit „pledging" is easy and hassle-free. Institutions view an overview of payments and funding on the platform interface. It is also possible to split invoices for departments within the institution.

Researchers can filter through a diverse list of OA publishing offers from a large variety of publishers with different backgrounds and specializations. The platform has an effective and adjustable search function with standardized filters: e.g. License, Subject, Included services, etc., enabling the researcher to find a fitting offer.

Find Out More

- Register for a non-binding free account at **app.knowledgeunlatched.org** to get in contact and explore the KU Open Funding platform for yourself.
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