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# Perspectives from the UK

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# Talk Overview

- Background: UOE in context
- OA landscape in UK
- Role of Jisc in national negotiations
- Implementation case study at UOE
- Emerging issues: e.g. reinforcing global inequalities



# University of Edinburgh

## Student population of 45,600

26,850 UGR

12,920 taught PGR

5,845 research PGR

44% international students

10% from EU countries

## Staff population of 15,371

7,960 academic

7,411 professional

29% international staff

## Rankings

4<sup>th</sup> in UK REF for research power

15<sup>th</sup> in QS WUR 2023

30<sup>th</sup> in THES WUR 2022



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# Open Access landscape in the UK

Driven by research funders, supported by University Libraries.

## Initial challenge:

- REF 2021 requirement deposit in repo, then OA after 12/24 month embargo

## Response:

- High repository use - Leiden rankings 24/25 PP(OA) based in UK

## Current challenge:

- Plan S: UKRI, Wellcome Trust require immediate OA on publication

## Response:

- Transformative agreements cover 80% funded research

	University	P	P(OA)	PP(OA)					
1	Bilkent Univ		1988	1868	94.0%				
2	London Sch Hyg & Trop Med		9055	8486	93.7%				
3	Univ Portsmouth		2943	2745	93.3%				
4	Univ E Anglia		5648	5210	92.2%				
5	Liverpool John Moores Univ		3531	3228	91.4%				
6	Univ St Andrews		6374	5820	91.3%				
7	Durham Univ		7659	6988	91.2%				
8	Lancaster Univ		7080	6416	90.6%				
9	Univ Strathclyde		6105	5520	90.4%				
10	Univ Bristol		16102	14548	90.3%				
11	Univ Dundee		4065	3669	90.3%				
12	Aston Univ		2669	2399	89.9%				
13	Univ Southampton		16280	14591	89.6%				
14	City Univ London		2699	2417	89.6%				
15	Keele Univ		2576	2304	89.4%				
16	Univ Leeds		14148	12594	89.0%				
17	Univ Stirling		2357	2095	88.9%				
18	Univ Edinburgh		22362	19870	88.9%				
19	Univ Reading		5244	4656	88.8%				
20	Univ Huddersfield		1876	1665	88.8%				
21	Cardiff Univ		11627	10303	88.6%				
22	Univ Kent		3787	3339	88.2%				
23	Loughborough Univ		5410	4769	88.2%				
24	Univ Glasgow		15021	13225	88.0%				
25	Univ Coll London		40263	35448	88.0%				



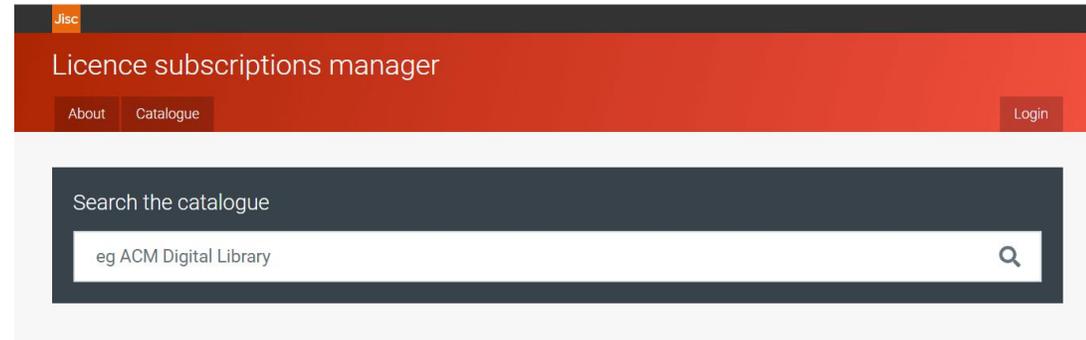
<https://www.leidenranking.com/ranking/2021/list>



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# Implementation case study: UOE

- Redevelop content acquisition processes
  - Operational group:
    - Content Acquisition & Access / Scholarly Communications
  - Journal Deals oversight group
    - Library Director, Head of Departments, operational group
- Evaluation
  - Developed standard template to bring relevant info together
- Funding for agreements
  - Mixture of Materials budget and OA block grant funding



# Evaluation Template

Read/Subscription criteria
Current year subscription spend
Previous year subscription year spend
Last full year usage/CPU
Proposed read fee Year 1 (and subsequent years where relevant)
Is Year 1 proposed read spend increase greater than 4%?
Is proposed spend increase for subsequent years greater than 4% (where relevant)?
Does the model ensure there is no (or minimal reliance) on historic print spend or allows a move away from this within a reasonable timeframe
Will upfront spend on access or reading fees over term of proposed agreement be less than legacy subscription based models?
Does journal content reflect UoE teaching and research strategy priorities?

Publish/Open Access criteria
Proposed publish fee Year 1 (and subsequent years where relevant)
Previous year APC spend (number & amount)
Previous year published outputs (green and gold)
How do proposed costs compare to previous years? (based on above)
Does deal cover pure Gold OA and/or Hybrid OA?
Eligible article types (Research/Review/etc)
Is there a cap on articles? If so, is it sufficient?
Are vouchers used to administer scheme?
% UKRI funded outputs covered
Embargo periods for Green OA/ publisher position on RRS
Open access licence options (CC BY/ CC BY-NC-ND/ etc)
VAT treatment
What is the process for authors to select open access? Can they opt out?
Publisher dashboard - type and URL
Retrospective OA conversion for deal starting part way through year?
Does the agreement offer affordable and sustainable fees for publishing where all costs are clearly stated/included?
For existing agreements: has the communication been sufficient? Is there a named contact?
For existing agreements: what is the reporting mechanism. Is it sufficient?
Any academic feedback on proposed/existing deal?



# Internal promotion

- Currently signed up to 30+ agreements
- Helpdesk activity has shifted from APC payment to helping authors navigate TAs.
- Created searchable list for authors to discover journals

Search:

Journal Title	eISSN	Publisher	URL
19: Interdisciplinary Studies in the Long Nineteenth Century	1755-1560	Open Library of Humanities	<a href="https://19.bbk.ac.uk/">https://19.bbk.ac.uk/</a>
2D Materials	2053-1583	Institute of Physics Publishing	<a href="http://iopscience.iop.org/journal/2053-1583">http://iopscience.iop.org/journal/2053-1583</a>
3 Biotech	2190-5738	Springer	<a href="https://www.springer.com/journal/13205">https://www.springer.com/journal/13205</a>
4OR	1614-2411	Springer	<a href="https://www.springer.com/journal/10288">https://www.springer.com/journal/10288</a>
A Current Bibliography on African Affairs	2376-6662	SAGE	<a href="http://journals.sagepub.com/home/cba">http://journals.sagepub.com/home/cba</a>
A.I.O.N. Annali dell'Istituto Universitario Orientale di Napoli. Sezione filologico-letteraria	1724-6172	Brill	<a href="https://brill.com/view/journals/aion/aion-overview.xml">https://brill.com/view/journals/aion/aion-overview.xml</a>
a/b: Auto/Biography Studies	0898-9575	Taylor & Francis	
AAPS PharmSciTech	1530-9932	Springer	<a href="https://www.springer.com/journal/12249">https://www.springer.com/journal/12249</a>
AATCC Journal of Research	2330-5517	SAGE	<a href="http://journals.sagepub.com/home/AAT">http://journals.sagepub.com/home/AAT</a>
Abacus	1467-6281	Wiley	<a href="https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/14676281">https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/14676281</a>

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You can find a searchable list of all journals included in our memberships and agreements here: [Read and Publish Journals](#)

## Transformative agreements

All corresponding authors from the University of Edinburgh can publish open access with the following publishers for no extra cost.

+ American Chemical Society

+ American Institute of Physics

+ Bioscientifica

+ Brill

+ Bristol University Press

+ Cambridge University Press

+ Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press

+ Company of Biologists

+ De Gruyter



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# Emerging Issues

- Reinforcing geographical inequities
- Challenging for early career researchers
- Changing authorship behaviour
  - “responsible corresponding author”
- VAT: Zero rate for e-publishing, but is applied to the publishing element of the R&P split
- Big deal v.2? Benefits larger publishers. Difficult for smaller publishers to experiment.



**Thanks for your attention.**  
Q&A at end of first session.

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