Diamond Open Access: A Strategy for a More Equitable and Sustainable Scholarly Publishing Ecosystem

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Diamond Open Access

A scholarly publication model in which publishers do not charge fees to either authors or readers.

Open Access Diamond Journals Study
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The Lyrasis Open Access Community Investment Program provides a community-driven framework that enables multiple stakeholders - including academic and public libraries, academic departments, institutions, museums, and funding agencies - to evaluate and collectively fund Diamond Open Access journals.

- **Sustainable** - Investments in OACIP support costs of labor, infrastructure, contingency, and innovation of each journal
- **Principle-aligned** - The OACIP Criteria Form enables investors to make principled spending decisions and strategically fund programs that align with their missions
- **Inclusive** - OACIP provides a hub for Diamond OA content published by nonprofit publishers (university presses, library publishers, independent publishers) to sustain bibliodiversity, equity, and inclusion of scholarship
- **Collaborative** - OACIP enables an array of communities to share the costs of funding scholarship
- **Efficient** - OACIP centralizes the administration and funding of individual journals or across the entire OACIP portfolio

OACIP Webpage: https://www.lyrasis.org/content/Pages/oacip.aspx
Three-Year Summary
(As of 3.28.23)

- 65 Individual Institutions
  - 56 Research
  - 7 Liberal Arts
  - 1 Masters
  - 1 Museum

- 4 Countries
  - United States
  - Canada
  - Germany
  - Belgium

- $797,035 Committed through 2027
  - Public - 71%
  - Private - 27%
  - Non-Profit - 2%

First Campaign (Pilot) | 2020 - 2021
- 27 Institutions
  - 3 Countries
- Committed: $237,535 for five years
- Two Diamond OA Journals
  - Combinatorial Theory | eScholarship
  - Environmental Humanities | Duke University Press

Second Campaign | 2021 - 2022
- 39 Institutions
  - 3 Countries
- Committed: $277,500 for five years
- Three Diamond OA Journals
  - Algebraic Combinatorics | Centre Mersenne
  - History of Media Studies | Media Studies Press

Budapest Open Access Initiative 20th Anniversary Recommendation - 3.13
Third Campaign | 2022 - 2023

- **American Indian Culture and Research Journal** | eScholarship and UCLA American Indian Studies Center
  - Still needed: $22,750/year for 5 years

- **Cultural Anthropology** | Society for Cultural Anthropology
  - Still Needed: $35,625/year for 5 years

- **Engaging Science, Technology, and Society** | Society for the Social Studies of Science (4S)
  - Still Needed: $36,000/year for 5 years

- **International Journal of Strength and Conditioning** | International Universities Strength and Conditioning Association
  - Still Needed: $23,750/year for 5 years

- **Language, Literature and Interdisciplinary Studies** | Education and Liberal Arts Project
  - Still Needed: $35,000/year for 5 years

- **Liquid Blackness** | Duke University Press
  - Still Needed: $32,000/year for 5 years

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**What’s Next?**

- Draft a standard annual report template
- Formalize the OACIP Community to help shape the future of the program
- Continue international conversations to realize a global distributed funding network for OA Diamond content

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**Take Action!**


To learn more or to participate, please contact [OACIP@lyrasis.org](mailto:OACIP@lyrasis.org) or [sharla.lair@lyrasis.org](mailto:sharla.lair@lyrasis.org)

**Participation Deadline: July 31, 2023**