

Fact Sheet

OPEN ACCESS AND OPEN RESEARCH

Springer Nature has been committed to opening up research for over 20 years. BMC published its first content in 2000, while the pioneering Springer Compact agreements paved the way for today's Transformative Agreements (TA). In 2021 we became the first publisher to publish one million research articles and reviews open access (OA). We have the world's most comprehensive OA portfolio, and as the largest publisher of primary research support over 2.5 million authors globally in making their research OA. Springer Nature continues to advance open research, developing Transformative Journals (TJs), providing all authors with the ability to publish OA in its highly selective title Nature, and has committed to making half of its published output OA by 2024.

■ Advancing discovery and knowledge through open science and research, guides us in all our actions. The benefit waiting for all of us is a faster and more effective research system delivering benefits and solutions to global challenges for the whole world.

We are committed to achieving the benefits of real and meaningful open science for all and believe gold OA is the way to do this.

Only gold OA gives immediate access to the final published VOR, considered by over 80% of the community to be the most authoritative credible source, as it is dynamically updated in perpetuity. In addition, gold OA articles act as an integrated hub for all the elements necessary for open science such as data and code.



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Collaboration



Increases the public's
appreciation of
Research



Foster
Economic Growth



Aids the application of
Research to
solve real-world problems

Driving forward a sustainable Route to OA

Springer Nature is committed to speeding up the transition to a sustainable and competitive OA market. We firmly believe that having early and rapid access to research findings is fundamental to the advancement of science and discovery.

Transformative Agreements

We have pioneered transformative agreements since 2015 given their ability to enable at scale the transition to OA.

Springer Nature's national agreements, which alongside its institutional deals, now support researchers from over 2,650 affiliated institutions to publish OA, totalling an expected 41,400+ OA articles to be published a year, 10% more than any other publisher.

Some Fast Facts

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Primary Research and Review Articles via Gold OA

16%

Of all immediate OA Articles Published Globally come from Springer Nature

70%+

In 8 European countries, over 70% of Springer Nature corresponding Authors are now publishing via Gold OA

1,500+

OA Books Published since the launch of our OA Book Program in 2012

200m+

Our OA Book chapters have been downloaded over 200 million times

2,500,000+

Authors supported globally in making their research OA

2.700+

Our content sharing tool Shereadit Covers 2,700 journals and over 6.5 million article links were accessed in 2020