



Institutional Open Access Program Author Guidance

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What is Institutional Open Access Program?

MDPI's Institutional Open Access Program (IOAP) is designed to support institutions and their researchers by offering transparent, cost-effective, and flexible workflows for publishing in open access journals. As an author affiliated with an IOAP partner institution, you benefit from:

- A discount on Article Processing Charges (APCs)
- Streamlined submission and invoicing workflows
- Additional discounts on related MDPI services

Who is Eligible?

You can benefit from the IOAP discount if you fulfil the following criteria:

- You are an author affiliated with a participating IOAP institution (as a staff member, researcher, or student);
- You submit your manuscript on SuSy using your institutional email address and correctly select your institution during submission.

Please note: Only one IOAP institution can be selected per manuscript. If multiple authors are affiliated with IOAP partners, confirm which institution should be listed as the primary affiliation.

Once selected, the institution will be notified of the submission and will confirm eligibility.

Payment and Invoicing

Non-Central Agreement

If your institution has a Non-Central Agreement with MDPI, the IOAP discount will be automatically applied to the APC invoice.

Central Agreement

If your institution has a Central IOAP agreement with MDPI, your APCs may be covered by the institution. Coverage decisions are made by your library or Open Access team, depending on internal processes and available funding.

In most cases, no action is required from authors. If the institution declines to cover the APC, you will be notified and invoiced directly, with the IOAP discount applied.

If you are unsure about your institution's internal approval process or funding availability, we recommend contacting your library or Open Access team before submitting your manuscript.

What Journals are Covered?

All journals are part of the agreement. Browse the full list of journals at the following link:
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Additional IOAP Author Benefits

As an IOAP-affiliated author, you also receive:

- 10% discount on MDPI Book Processing Charges (BPCs)
- 15% discount on Author Services (language editing, formatting, etc.)
- 10% discount on JAMS services for scholarly publishing

Frequently Asked Questions

What if I forgot to select my institution during submission?

Contact the journal's editorial office or ioap@mdpi.com as soon as possible.

Can I combine reviewer vouchers with the IOAP discount for non-central payment?

Yes, reviewer vouchers can be combined with IOAP discounts.

Need Help?

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