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- **Reduce administrative overheads by saying goodbye to APCs**
- **Remove payment barriers and cost concerns for your faculty**
- **Guarantee value for your Open Access fund and support collective action for globally equitable OA**

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A PeerJ Annual Institutional Membership (AIM) provides unlimited, frictionless OA publishing for your faculty, and removes a barrier to choosing Open Access, enabling authors to publish their research without any additional costs or administration.

AIMs are simple to manage, easy to purchase and provide great cost saving opportunities. A single annual payment reduces your administrative overheads - and associated costs. We'll recognize eligible authors, so there's no need to make regular approvals. You'll have access to a detailed dashboard and regular reports on how your Membership is being used, which will include regularly updated projections on your renewal fee.

AIMs pricing is tiered, based on your institution's publishing history in PeerJ's journal portfolio. You can join the program for as little as \$2000.

Each year, we'll calculate your usage and your AIM renewal price. If the equivalent APC cost would have been less than your Membership cost, you can choose to carry over the difference towards your membership renewal, or contribute to PeerJ's Global Publishing Fund, which supports authors without the means to publish OA.

AIMs simplify OA and are an important step towards a non-APC future of globally equitable access to read and publish open science.

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How do AIMs work?

A PeerJ Annual Institutional Membership allows authors affiliated with the Member institution the opportunity to publish for no additional fee in PeerJ's journal portfolio. There is no limit on the number of articles that can be published by authors affiliated with a Member during their Membership.

The price of Membership is tiered. The entry tier for an institution is determined by the average number of articles published by affiliated authors in PeerJ journals over the previous 5 years. Prices start at \$2000, and no single tier increase is larger than \$5000. We want the difference between tiers to not be so significant that moving between tiers might lead to a difficult price transition for partners.

Once you've purchased your membership, any article that is under review at PeerJ or submitted over the following 12 months, where one or more "corresponding" or "admin" authors (roles that can be chosen in PeerJ's submission system) is eligible to use your membership, which is accepted for publication after peer review will be published without any fee needing to be paid. Members benefit from the waiving of page fees that are currently charged for articles longer than 40 typeset pages.

Optional author services such as copy-editing, graphical abstracts and video abstracts are not included, but can be purchased by authors.

We'll recognise eligible authors by their email addresses, and any affiliated authors with non-standard email address stems can request to use the Membership via an institutional landing page on the PeerJ site, subject to approval you. You can also chose to approve every request to use your AIM.

Account Manager(s) will have access to a Dashboard to monitor usage of the Membership, see the impact of your Membership, and get projections of your renewal fee.

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Guaranteed value for your money

No one likes surprises, so we'll regularly provide you with usage reports and projections of your AIMs renewal.

We will determine your Membership Tier for the next 12 months based on usage in the preceding year, including all accepted articles, and a proportion of articles that have been submitted but are still under review.

If the equivalent APC cost for those articles would have been less than your Membership cost, you can choose to carry over the difference towards your membership renewal, or contribute to PeerJ's Global Publishing Fund, which supports authors without the means to publish OA.

If you exceed the top range of the articles in your current Tier, we'll move you up to the appropriate Tier.

If you choose not to renew your Membership we'll be sad to see you go. Any articles already under review when the Membership ends that go on to be accepted for publication, will still be published without charge. We don't want your faculty to miss out.

If an article has multiple admin and corresponding authors from different institutions with or without AIMs, we'll count a proportion of that article towards the renewal. So if an article has one corresponding author and one admin author from different universities that have AIMs, we'll count 0.5 article towards your renewal.

We'll do all of the calculations for you, and you can review them in your Dashboard, which will also include downloadable reports, membership impact data, and renewal projections which we'll update every month.

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Towards a future of collective action to support globally equitable Open Access

PeerJ's mission is to provide globally equitable access to participate in scientific communication that contributes to solving the challenges the world and humanity face.

We do not believe that the use of Article Processing Charges (APCs) to fund Open Access (OA) is sustainable or equitable. Since we launched over a decade ago, we have championed non-APC alternatives to making science open. The introduction of PeerJ Annual Institutional Memberships is an important step towards OA without APCs, and a move towards our ultimate goal of collective action to support globally equitable access to participate in scientific communication that contributes to solving the challenges the world and humanity face.

We believe that those with greater means to support the publication and communication of science that contributes to solving the challenges the world and humanity face should contribute to fund that endeavour; and that researchers with less means should not face barriers to openly sharing their research.

As we transition away from APCs - and towards a future where no author will have to pay to publish - we will still continue to accept and use APCs from authors who are not affiliated with Institutional Members. Authors without the means to pay APCs will be supported by PeerJ's Global Publishing Fund. PeerJ will continue to honour any personal memberships (Lifetime or 3 Year Fixed Term).

PeerJ is dedicated to an OA Future without APCs.

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Tier pricing - 2023

Tier	Price (USD)	5 Year average of articles published In PeerJ journals
1	\$2,000	0-1.9
2	\$5,000	2-4.9
3	\$10,000	5-7.9
4	\$15,000	8-10.9
5	\$20,000	11-13.9
6	\$25,000	14-16.9
7	\$30,000	17-19.9
8	\$35,000	20-22.9
9	\$40,000	23-25.9
10	\$45,000	26-28.9

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Are you ready to become a PeerJ Institutional Member?

Contact PeerJ today - business@peerj.com - to find out the cost for your institution to become a Member or set up a call to learn more about AIMs.

About PeerJ

PeerJ publishes [impactful research](#) across our portfolio. Since 2013 we've published over 17,000 articles, peer-reviewed by our international Editorial Boards of over 2,000 respected academics.

We are innovators. We've championed alternatives to APCs to fund OA since our launch, via our Personal Lifetime Memberships, and have developed our own, unique submission and review platform, as well as community-first programs such as PeerJ Hubs and our Contributor Rewards program.

Authors love publishing with us, enjoying our industry leading customer service. Over 95% of authors recommend us.

We pride ourselves on providing developmental peer review with quick turnaround times. We publish the full peer review history of every accepted article, and reviewers can choose to sign their peer review reports.

Publishing with PeerJ maximises the visibility and discoverability of research:

1. Our journals are indexed in PubMed, Journal Citation Reports, Google Scholar, Scopus, Europe PMC and more.
2. Our journals are fully Open Access, making them compliant with initiatives such as Plan S.
3. Peerj.com receives over 1m visitors a month, and over 50,000 researchers receive regular content alerts to new research.
4. Our research is regularly [featured in the international press](#), and [our blog](#) provides in depth interviews with our authors and editors.

We want to make publishing open access easy. Featuring one-click submission from bioRxiv and Overleaf, and no reference formatting requirements, we also provide fully typeset publication proofs to ensure your research is presented in the way you intend it.

Our institutional partners include UC Berkeley, University of Sussex, University of Ottawa, Iowa State University and many more.

“PeerJ brings an exciting and refreshing model of scientific dissemination. I am very pleased to be part of the PeerJ initiative.”

- Karl Friston, PeerJ Advisory Board

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