FAQ about AGU Institutional Subscriptions

What subscription options does AGU offer?

Online subscriptions:

AGU offers flexible pricing for online subscriptions. There are multiple options, tier-based (“Full Network”) or usage-based (“Per User”), to fit many budgets. All options include institution-wide access via IP authentication.

- Per User option:
  - This option offers access for a limited number of simultaneous users.
  - Access is institution-wide and through the entire IP range of an institution.
  - The base price for this option includes 2 simultaneous users for each journal (4 simultaneous users for the full Journal of Geophysical Research).
  - Additional users may be added at a low cost (10% of the base price)
  - Pricing for this option does not depend on the tier an institution falls into
  - This option represents a good alternative for larger institutions (tier 4 and tier 5)

- Full Network option:
  - This option offers unlimited, institution-wide access through the entire IP range of an institution
  - There is no limitation on the number of simultaneous users
  - Pricing is based on the tier an institution has been assigned
  - Tiers are assigned as follows:
    - **Academic Institutions** are classified based on the highest science-related degree granted.
    - **Research Institutions** are classified based on the total number of research staff.
    - **Corporations** are classified based on the total number of full-time employees at the locations seeking online access.

### Tiers table:

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<td>Bachelor degrees in science or equivalent</td>
<td>Fewer than 6 research staff</td>
<td>Fewer than 6 full-time employees</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Both Bachelor and Masters degrees (or equivalent) in science but no doctorate</td>
<td>Between 6 and 25 research staff</td>
<td>Between 6 and 250 full-time employees</td>
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<td>Fewer than 51 doctorate degrees awarded yearly in science</td>
<td>Between 26 and 250 research staff</td>
<td>Between 251 and 2500 full-time employees</td>
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<td>51 or more doctorate degrees awarded in science</td>
<td>More than 250 research staff</td>
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Print subscriptions:

AGU offers print subscriptions for most of its journals. Institutions subscribing to the online version of a journal may also subscribe to the print version at a deeply reduced price (called print add-on). Please contact institutions@agu.org or see pricing chart for more information.

How much does it cost to subscribe to AGU journals?

AGU offers an excellent value. Please see our pricing chart for the 2010 price list or contact us at institutions@agu.org.

Does a subscription include access to the back files?

Online subscriptions include access only to the current year material. It does not include access to content from previous years. Access to the back files is available through several subscription options.

2005 through 2009 back files:

- **One time purchase**
  - Continuing access to back issues of journals from 2005-2009 can be purchased for a one time fee.
  - This option may be purchased journal by journal and year by year.
  - Subscribers must have a current online subscription to the journal for which they want to purchase online back issues.
  - Contact institutions@agu.org for a quote.

- **Annual lease:**
  - Yearly access to back issues of journal from 2005 through 2009 can be leased for a low annual fee.
  - There is no continuing access with this option and the lease expires at the end of the calendar year (31 December) of the lease.
  - This option is available journal by journal but not year by year (i.e. all years —2005-2009— are leased at once).
  - Subscribers must have a current online subscription to the journal for which they want to lease online back issues.

Digital Library (1896-2004)

- The AGU Digital Library includes access to all back issues of AGU journals from issue 1, volume 1, through articles published in 2004
- This is a yearly subscription
- One year of material is added each year (2005 will be added in 2011; 2006 in 2012, etc.)
- This is an excellent value: over 100,000 articles for as little as $400 for large institutions
Do I need a password to access AGU’s electronic journals?

AGU online subscriptions are accessed via IP authentication. No password needed.

If we cancel our subscriptions, will we still have online access to journals purchased?

AGU online subscriptions (either “Full Network” or “Per User”) include continuing access to the material subscribed. Currently, continuing access is granted from the AGU server. If an institution ceases its subscription, AGU reserves the right to send the material for the equivalent years on a medium of AGU’s choice.

Does AGU provide Usage Statics for my Institution?

AGU provides monthly usage statistics. These usage reports are based on any access from the IP addresses on your institutional license. A login and password is required to access statistics. Contact institutions@agu.org for your login and password.

Are AGU usage statistics COUNTER compliant?

AGU will provide COUNTER compliant usage statistics starting in 2010.

How are AGU journals archived?

Starting in 2010, AGU will be archived in Portico.

Is a license agreement required?

AGU does require a signed license agreement and payment in order to activate access. Licenses between AGU and the subscriber are only signed once. Schedules (addenda) are signed to document any changes to the license (i.e. additional subscriptions, changes of IP addresses, etc.).

License agreements are available on the AGU Web site or by contacting institutions@agu.org.

Are inter-library loans allowed?

Yes. Libraries are granted the right to provide inter-library loans for the purpose of research or private study. The library may provide a single paper copy or a fax or post. Electronic transmission is allowed so long as it is secure and the electronic file is deleted immediately after printing.

Other questions:

Please contact Sonya Washington or Renika Boyd at institutions@agu.org or +1 202.462.6900.