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## Council of Australian University Librarians (CAUL) and American Psychological Association announce a new Open Access agreement commencing in 2024

The Council of Australian University Librarians (CAUL) and the American Psychological Association (APA) have entered a new open access agreement commencing in January 2024. This agreement will allow authors at participating CAUL member institutions to publish open access in APA journals without the need to pay individual article processing charges.

This agreement is an important step in CAUL's efforts to accelerate the transition to open access publishing. It will make Australian and New Zealand research more accessible to the global community, and it will support the dissemination of high-quality research in the field of psychology.

"We're excited to add this agreement to our portfolio of open access agreements," said Angus Cook, Director of Content Procurement at CAUL. "It ticks many boxes for what an ideal agreement should look like. It's feasible for our members and provides great potential for increasing open access for our members and researchers. Psychology is an important area of research for many CAUL member institutions, and we're pleased to partner with APA with its reputation for publishing high impact research. We're very much looking forward to working with APA in this new chapter of our relationship with them."

CAUL currently has open access agreements with over 20 publishers, large and small. The APA agreement is a significant addition to this portfolio, and it reflects CAUL's commitment to open access publishing.

"This agreement underscores our commitment to meet the needs of our authors and readers globally," said APA Publisher for Journals and Books Rose Sokol, PhD. "As a nonprofit society publisher, we are mission-driven to provide a range of access and publication options to serve our entire discipline and the academic communities that shape it in different countries. We are excited to expand our agreement with CAUL to include open access and to share more research from Australia and New Zealand through our portfolio."

### **About CAUL Inc.**

The [Council of Australian University Librarians](#) (CAUL) is the peak leadership organisation for university libraries in Australia and New Zealand. CAUL members are the University Librarians or equivalent of the 39 institutions that have representation on [Universities Australia](#) (UA) and the 8 University Librarians or equivalent of the institutions that have representation on [Universities New Zealand](#) (UNZ) and who form the [Council of New Zealand University Librarians](#) (CONZUL), a committee of UNZ. CAUL makes a

significant contribution to higher education strategy, policy and outcomes through a commitment to a shared purpose: To transform how people experience knowledge – how it can be discovered, used and shared. CAUL’s vision is that society is transformed through the power of research, teaching and learning. University libraries are essential knowledge and information infrastructures that enable student achievement and research excellence.

### **About APA**

The [American Psychological Association](#), in Washington, D.C., is the largest scientific and professional organization representing psychology in the United States. APA’s membership includes more than 146,000 researchers, educators, clinicians, consultants and students. Through its divisions in 54 subfields of psychology and affiliations with 60 state, territorial and Canadian provincial associations, APA works to advance the creation, communication, and application of psychological knowledge to benefit society and improve lives. APA Publishing is an international nonprofit society publisher of scholarly journals, books, and databases that span the breadth and depth of psychology.

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