

CAUL Consortium – 2022 Agreement Principles

Additional to the [Principles and Framework for Pricing Digital Content](#), a further set of principles have been created specifically for agreements for the 2022 subscription year. These principles provide guidance to Publishers and Vendors on CAUL's needs and expectations for agreements including the ongoing transition to incorporate Open Access content wherever possible. The principles accommodate for the varying degrees of financial hardship facing the CAUL Consortium membership and have come about after much consultation with CAUL Members University Librarians, or equivalent) in particular.

2022 Agreement Principles:

1. Principle 1: Each provider will be asked to provide 3 Proposals:
 - Proposal 1: 0% increase including OA publishing to hybrid journals.
 - Proposal 2: (If OA publishing cannot be included): -10% overall price reduction for a full package renewal.
 - Proposal 3: (for members needing a greater than -10% reduction): Options to purchase reduced sets of content/unbundling.

Please note:

 - Providers may suggest other options incorporating OA, cost reductions, indicative (non-binding) multiyear pricing.
 - Proposal 1 may only be suitable to journal providers, in which case providers need only supply offers for Proposals 2 and 3.
2. Offers are opt-in and for single years only. Multi-year agreements will be considered only if any member can cease to renew without penalty.
3. No non-disclosure clauses.
4. Maintenance of all ongoing access arrangements (a.k.a Perpetual Access, Post Termination Access).
5. Renewal pricing must include all sites, campuses, and locations at no extra cost.
6. All licenses for full text content should include CAUL's preferred [model clause](#) for resource sharing.

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