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Cambridge University Press and CAUL strike major uncapped transformative Open Access agreement in Australia & New Zealand

Cambridge University Press and the Council of Australian University Librarians (CAUL) have reached a transformative agreement to support Open Access (OA) publishing in Cambridge Journals for 2022.

It is one of the first major uncapped transformative agreements reached with CAUL by a publisher of significant size in Australia and New Zealand.

It further underscores the Press's commitment to open research, which has seen a rapid expansion of such agreements around the globe, supporting authors to publish OA, improving the reach and impact of their work and helping lead the move to a sustainable, open future for research.

It also builds on the series of transformative agreements negotiated by CAUL since late 2019.

Such deals cover the cost for participating institutions to access a publisher's journals and any Article Processing Charges the institution's authors would normally pay to publish their work Open Access with that publisher.

The 39 universities that are members of CAUL, and the eight universities represented in the Council of New Zealand University Librarians (CONZUL) can now choose to opt-in to the 2022 agreement, which would allow their authors to publish research articles in over 380 Press journals. In addition, each institution will have full 'read' access to the journal collections they currently subscribe to.

Bob Gerrity, CAUL Board Director with oversight of the Content Procurement Service said, "CAUL is especially pleased to have negotiated an agreement with Cambridge University Press within a framework that works towards [CAUL's 2022 Agreement Principles](#). The agreement will significantly increase the capacity for articles to be published Open Access by researchers in Australian and New Zealand universities. All current subscribers to Cambridge University Press journals are being actively encouraged to consider the offer through the CAUL Consortium."

The agreement enables a steady transition towards a complete open transformation which fairly apportions fees based on the research output of the participating institution and recognises the complexity of the varied funding models and drivers for publication for authors in different areas.

This landmark agreement follows a number of similar agreements between the Press and higher education and research institutions around the world.

Michael Cowley, Sales Director ANZ for the Press said: "We have worked closely with CAUL over the last few years to transition away from read-only models and we are now delighted to deliver this transformative agreement which offers members of CAUL and CONZUL significant value, covering unlimited OA publishing in all our Gold and Hybrid journals. We are very excited to support ANZ researchers in this region with a sustainable pathway to open research."

Chris Bennett, Global Sales Director for the Press: “We are really looking forward to partnering with Australia and New Zealand institutions as they support their researchers in the transition to Open Access. This agreement is an important step towards a sustainable future for open publication, which we intend to achieve without restrictive caps or reliance on article charges. I’m especially delighted that almost three years’ collaboration with CAUL on this has come to fruition in such a positive way, and would like to thank all concerned for their support.”

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