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## CAUL and John Benjamins Publishing Company new Open Access Agreement

### **Council of Australian University Librarians (CAUL) and John Benjamins Publishing Company enter into a new Open Access agreement for 2024.**

The Council of Australian University Librarians (CAUL) and John Benjamins Publishing Company have entered a new open access agreement for 2024. This agreement allows authors at participating CAUL member institutions to publish open access in John Benjamins 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, while also supporting bibliodiversity in scholarly communication. 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 linguistics. Each year, 40-60 articles are published by CAUL authors in John Benjamins journals. All articles from authors at participating CAUL member institutions submitted from January 1, 2024, during the term of this agreement are – when accepted for publication – eligible for open access.

*"We're excited to add John Benjamins to our portfolio of open access agreements," said Dr Arthur Smith, Associate Director, Content Procurement at CAUL. "The open access model John Benjamins has used in this agreement is innovative in its approach and provides transparency for subscribing institutions. Linguistics is an important area of research for many CAUL member institutions, and we're pleased to partner with John Benjamins with its reputation for publishing high impact research. We hope this agreement provides yet another option for researchers looking to publish open access."*

CAUL currently has open access agreements with 25 publishers, large and small. The agreement with John Benjamins is another important addition to this portfolio, and it reflects CAUL's ongoing commitment to open access publishing.

*"We are delighted to be working with CAUL on the transition to open access for our journals", said Seline Benjamins, Managing Director of John Benjamins Publishing Company. "For us as a specialized publisher, this partnership with CAUL has particular significance. Our collaboration will allow corresponding authors at participating institutions in Australia and New Zealand to smoothly publish open access in our journals while libraries can make use of their existing library infrastructures for their subscriptions."*

### **About CAUL Inc.**

The [Council of Australian University Librarians](https://www.caul.edu.au/) (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.

<https://www.caul.edu.au/>

<https://caul.libguides.com/read-and-publish/john-benjamins>

### **About John Benjamins**

[John Benjamins Publishing Company](https://benjamins.com/content/librarians/oa_info) is a privately-owned international academic publisher with a strong focus on linguistics and related areas. The Read & Publish arrangement is its latest Open Access initiative for journals and aims to offer a smooth transition from a journals acquisition model to an article publication model.

[https://benjamins.com/content/librarians/oa\\_info](https://benjamins.com/content/librarians/oa_info)

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