

cOAlition S consultation on transformative journals framework

Introduction and privacy notice

Introduction

The [Plan S guidelines](#) note that cOAlition S will "consider developing a potential framework for 'transformative journals' where the share of Open Access content is gradually increased, where subscription costs are offset by income from payments for publishing services (to avoid double payments), and where the journal has a clear commitment to transition to full Open Access in an agreed timeframe".

We are now asking for feedback on this potential framework, which you can find [here](#). We recommend that you open this document in a separate window, so that you can refer to it as you are answering the questions in this short survey. The survey will take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete.

Please provide your feedback by 9am CET time on 6th January 2020. We will consider all the feedback received, and hope to release a final version of this framework in early 2020.

Privacy notice

Information that you provide is anonymous and will be held on a secure database. It will be used by cOAlition S and those working on its behalf to inform a revision to the framework as described above. Following that revision, all the anonymous information provided by respondents to this survey will be made publicly available.

About you

Are you responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation? Required

- individual
- organisation

More about you

If individual, what is your principal expertise? Required

- Publishing
- Library
- Learned society
- Funding / policy
- Research
- Other [please specify]

If organisation, on behalf of what kind of organisation are you responding? Required

- Publisher
- Research institution
- Library
- Funder / policy
- Learned society
- Other [please specify]

Transformative Journals - overall views

“Transformative journals” are journals where the share of Open Access content is gradually increased, where subscription costs are offset by income from payments for publishing services (to avoid double payments), and where the journal has a clear commitment to transition to full Open Access in an agreed timeframe. They also meet the other requirements of Plan S.

To what extent do you agree with the statement: "in principle, transformative journals can be a useful and viable route to full and immediate OA"? Required

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

To what extent do you agree with the statement: "the draft framework provides a viable route by which publishers could implement a publishing option in line with the Plan S principles"? Required

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Requirements for Transformative Journals

The draft framework specifies that a Transformative Journal must demonstrate an annual increase in the OA penetration rate of at least eight percentage points year-on-year, measured on a three year rolling period. To what extent do you agree that this is fair and achievable? Required

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

If you disagree that this is fair and reasonable, then please specify what target you would support, and why. [200 character limit]

In addition to the 8% increase on OA penetration, year-on-year, the publishers of Transformative Journals must agree to either flip them to OA either when 50% of the content is OA, *or* by 31st December 2024. To what extent do you agree that these are fair and achievable? Required

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

If you disagree with this, please specify what target (percentage of OA, or date) you would support, and why. [200 character limit]

Final comments

If you have any further comments on the proposed framework for Transformative Journals, please add them here. [400 character limit]

Thank you

Thank you very much for taking the time to respond to this consultation on Transformative Journals. cOAlition S will analyse the responses and hope to release a framework for Transformative Journals as an addendum to the Plan S guidelines in early 2020. We also intend to publish all the responses to the consultation.