

## Open Access Policy

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Open access publishing allows research funded by Myeloma UK to reach as many people as possible. The more knowledge about myeloma is accessible, the more researchers can build on that knowledge to better understand myeloma and drive more research.

Publishing research findings as open access also means our funded research is available to all and fully transparent.

### Academic Publishing

Academic publishing is the method researchers use to share their results and spread new ideas across the research community. When new knowledge is found which would be valuable to share with their community, they write this up in an academic article for peer review and publishing. The researcher has several options on how to publish the article and share the results with their peers.

By publishing their research findings, researchers allow their work to be evaluated and critiqued by their peers and shared more widely, thereby increasing the impact of the work and accelerating the progress of scientific research.

### Open Access Publishing

Historically, academic articles have been published in subscription journals; meaning articles could only be read by those who subscribed to the journal or paid a one-off fee to access the article. Open access publishing is where research articles are made freely available online and unrestricted, allowing anyone to access the research results.

In many cases, research is funded by either government bodies or the charity sector. Open access publishing ensures public and donor funded research reaches a broader audience and is free of charge.

Myeloma UK supports both Green and Gold open access publishing pathways.

**Gold Open Access Pathway** - Article is published in an open-access journal. A copy of the final manuscript is made available to read immediately on publication and free of charge. This requires an Article Processing Charge (APC) to be paid to the journal

**Green Open Access Pathway** - A copy of the article must be deposited in an open-access repository within 12 months of the date of publication. This process is free of charge and allows more freedom on which journal the article is published in.

### Paying APC's and Dissemination Costs

Myeloma UK allows grants holders to apply for dissemination costs as part of the eligible grant costs, which can be used to pay for costs associated with sharing the knowledge and ideas resulting from a project. These costs include paying APC charges as we acknowledge and support sharing of ideas as a vital part of the scientific process.

### Licensing

By publishing using a Creative Commons Attribution licence (CC-BY), researchers allow their papers to be freely copied and reused, e.g. for text or data mining purposes or creating a

translation. This allows other researchers to make use of the knowledge and build on the findings by using the data in further studies.

Myeloma UK supports the publication of articles using the CC-BY. However, we don't mandate that research funded by Myeloma UK use this method.

### Who does this policy apply to?

Any researchers, host institutions, or collaborators publishing original, peer-reviewed research publications resulting from work funded by Myeloma UK are obliged to comply with this policy.

This policy does not apply to book chapters, editorials, reviews or conference proceedings.

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