



Financial Support for Scholarly Publication Costs

Scope: This policy applies to all scholarly products created by Marian University (herein the "University") faculty, staff, and students.

Policy Statement:

Dissemination of scholarly products is an essential element in the advancement of the respect, recognition and reputation of the University and its faculty, staff, and students. Peer-reviewed publication in print and/or electronic form is considered to be evidence of academic impact. The following policy will guide Marian University (hereafter "MU" or "University") faculty and/or staff who seek to disseminate scholarly works in venues that charge publication costs.

Reason for Policy:

Publication (e.g., abstracts, papers, posters, etc.) of scholarly activities is how the academic community ensures scholars are recognized and held accountable for their work. Such publication often incurs costs. This policy describes financial support for such activities and evinces institutional support and commitment to scholarly activity.

Procedure:

An annual earmark will be reserved from the Research & Scholarship Administration budget to support publication costs of MU faculty and/or staff.

1. Individuals seeking to have their publication cost covered by the Research & Scholarship Administration must receive approval from the Assistant Provost for Research & Scholarship (or a designee) prior to submission of the work to the venue. Funding requests that are received after submission of the work may not be approved.
2. Each request will be reviewed by the Assistant Provost for Research & Scholarship (or a designee) on a case-by-case basis. Preference will be given to publications/journals with characteristics consistent with the mission of the University, including but not limited to the following:
 - i. Original research over review articles or other integrative scholarly works.
 - ii. Systematic reviews over narrative reviews.
 - iii. Publication in anticipation of funding proposal review.
 - iv. Publication involving student authorship over those without student authors.
 - v. Authored by persons who have not had publication costs paid in the current fiscal year.
 - vi. Whether publication costs are available via a different budget (such as but not limited to a departmental budget, extramural sponsored program, or intramural grant)
3. Funds for publication costs remaining in the fourth quarter of the fiscal year may be used for regular research/scholarship operations support.

Special guidance regarding “predatory” publishers:

“Predatory” publishers and journals are typified by exploitive practices such as charging publication fees and publishing articles without adequate peer review and/or quality check. A publication fee does not automatically indicate a predatory publisher, but publication costs should be considered along with the reputation and impact factor of the journal. MU faculty and staff should understand and avoid predatory publishers or publishers with history of suspicious publishing practices, including solicitations that come from journals outside one’s area of work or expertise, quote your previous paper, are laudatory of you eminent reputation, contain grammatical or spelling errors or promise exceedingly fast acceptance and publication. Individuals are encouraged to publish in reputable journals that are indexed in rigorous databases such as EBSCO, Ovid, or PubMed/MEDLINE and/or are listed in the Directory of Open Access Journals “white list” of high quality, open access, peer-reviewed journals (<https://doaj.org>).

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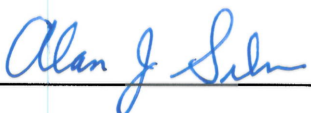
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Assistant Provost for Research & Scholarship:

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