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American Society for Microbiology

6 core journals; page charges not covered.

Annual Reviews

All 51 titles OA under S2O; no eligibility requirements.

Assoc. for Computing Machinery (ACM)

All journals & proceedings; for articles accepted after Jan 20, 2026.

Biochemical Society

All journals, no charge to author.

Cambridge University Press

Gold & Hybrid OA titles; accepted through Dec 2027.

Cold Spring Harbor Lab Press

Genes & Development, Genome Research, Learning & Memory, RNA, CSH Mol. Case Studies.

Company of Biologists

All 5 journals (Development, JCS, JEB, DMM, Biology Open).

Elsevier

Core-Hybrid titles; 54% of 2026 waivers remain (as of Aug 1).

Institute of Physics (IOP)

Lists A-D; List D capped, 70% of 2026 waivers remain (Jul 1).

John Benjamins

All journals; for articles accepted in 2026.

JAFSCD

Free OA via NC State's shareholder subscription.

Microbiology Society

All journals, no charge to author.

Oxford University Press

Hybrid R&P—eligible titles; accepted through Dec 2026.

PLOS, ending soon

All journals but PLOS Mental Health; agreement ends Dec 31, 2026 (not renewing).

Royal Society

All journals; submitted through Dec 2027.

Royal Society of Chemistry

All RSC journals; select CC-BY or CC-BY-NC on acceptance.

SCOAP3

4 core HEP journals + partners; no eligibility requirements.

Springer

Hybrid titles (not Nature Portfolio); 53% of 2026 waivers remain (Jun 1).

Wiley

Hybrid journals uncapped; fully-OA waivers exhausted for 2026.

MDPI, partial discount

10% off APCs/BPCs via Institutional OA Plan (not a full waiver).

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