

## Assistance with Open Access Publishing for Authors

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Open access (OA) publishing can present a myriad of options and challenges to authors. Though many funders require research outputs to be made publicly accessible, there are authors who wish to publish OA regardless of any funder-related mandate. These authors have many decisions to make, including selecting appropriate OA journals and deciding which type of OA publishing suits their needs. Ultimately, the decision to publish OA can be hindered by the requirement and cost of article processing fees. Below are ways Northwestern University provides support for authors publishing with OA in mind.

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### Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences

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Feng G, Ingvalson EM, Grieco-Calub TM, Roberts MY, Ryan ME, Birmingham P, Burrowes D, Young NM, Wong PCM. [Neural preservation underlies speech improvement from auditory deprivation in young cochlear implant recipients](#). Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A. 2018;115(5):E1022-31.

Smith BM, Traboulsi H, Austin JHM, et al. (including Liu K). [Human airway branch variation and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease](#). Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A. 2018;115(5):E974-81.

Gaydos L, Schorpp KM, Chen E, Miller GE, Harris KM. [College completion predicts lower depression but higher metabolic syndrome among disadvantaged minorities in young adulthood](#). 2018;115(1):109-14.

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Webster G, Schoppen ZJ, George AL. [Treatment of calmodulinopathy with verapamil](#). BMJ Case Rep. 2017

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