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Re: UC Santa Barbara and the OA2020 Expression of Interest

The University of California Santa Barbara affirms its continuing support for the goal of achieving universal open access to scholarly journal literature by today signing the [OA2020 Expression of Interest](#). OA2020 is an international initiative that is exploring ways of advancing open access in partnership with scholars, libraries, publishers, and funding agencies. The OA2020 Initiative has received widespread faculty endorsement at UC Santa Barbara after extensive consultation with the Committee on Library, Information and Instructional Resources, five Academic Senate Councils, and all five College and School Faculty Executive Committees.

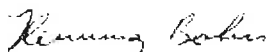
We recognize the potential of OA2020 to break down historical and financial barriers to access, and to transform the scholarly communication system through which research results are disseminated. By means of UC's negotiations with publishers for "publish and read" contracts, which chart a path toward converting subscription journals to open access while controlling costs, UC Santa Barbara is actively advancing the OA2020 Initiative's core transformation mission.

Since the Academic Senate of the University of California adopted an open access policy in 2013, UC has sought to ensure that the research articles authored by faculty at all 10 campuses can be made available to the public at no charge. In 2018, the University of California published [Pathways to OA](#), which advances new models and initiatives that enhance access to scholarship.

We recognize that there is no single, or best, path to open access. During this transitional period, we need to consider how to ensure that open access publication is accessible to all authors, and that both individual authors and scholarly societies be given the support they need to make the transition. We call on key stakeholders, including institutions, foundations, funding agencies, professional societies, publishers, journals, and authors to participate with us in a broader discussion of all of the issues related to the sustainable transition to open access publishing.



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