

# Incentive Fund Open Access - Publications



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## Introduction and aim

On February 2, 2010, Prof. dr. Jos Engelen, Chairman of the General Board NWO, announced the start of the NWO Incentive Fund for Open Access Publications. The Fund contains 5 million euro. Half of this Fund will be available for Open Access publications of NWO researchers if payment is needed for Open Access. The other half will be allocated to other Open Access initiatives.

## Aim

The aim of this fund is to increase awareness of Open Access and to encourage the Open Access publication of NWO results.

## Who can apply

All main applicants from the NWO bodies ALW, CW/ACTS, EW, FOM, GW, MaGW, N, NCF, STW, WOTRO, ZonMw and the temporary taskforces ICTRegie, NGI and NIHC. Projects have an end date after 1 January 2008.

## What can be applied for

Only the fee that must be paid for the following items may be requested:

- a) publishing in a peer-reviewed scientific Open Access journal, or
- b) purchasing the rights for Open Access of an article that has been published in a peer-reviewed scientific journal that is not, or is not entirely, Open Access, or
- c) the Open Access publishing of a peer-reviewed book/monograph (not a thesis) by a scientific (academic) publisher or series.

For all publications mentioned above it is required that they are output from a NWO funded research project and that they have not been published at the date the application is submitted at the Open Access Incentive Fund.

For every NWO project a maximum budget of € 5000 is available.

## Drawing up an application

Only a limited amount of information needs to be submitted; there is no application form.

The applicant has to use the electronic application system Iris. The following information needs to be filled out under the heading of 'Project information':

For 'Project title':

- the file number of the NWO funded research project from which the publication arises,
- the NWO division that supplied the research project subsidy.

For 'Project abstract':

- the budget applied for in euro's (or in another currency if applicable)

- the title of the Open Access publication
- (for journals) the title of the peer reviewed scientific Open Access journal or (for books) the name of the academic publisher or book series.

For 'Enclosure' you can add the draft (or final) version of the Open Access publication.

## Specific conditions

Only the main applicants of NWO research projects can apply.

## Submitting an application

Applications can only be submitted using the Iris electronic application system. If you do not have an account you need to create one via the NWO website ([www.iris.nwo.nl](http://www.iris.nwo.nl)). Other information about Iris can be found on the NWO website. For technical problems, please contact the Iris helpdesk.

## Procedure

The applications will be assessed by the NWO office on the basis of the criteria stated below. A grant shall be awarded if the criteria are met and the available budget is not exhausted.

## Criteria

Applications that meet the conditions stated below will be awarded, until the budget available for the Open Access Incentive Fund is used up:

- The budget applied for does not exceed the maximum budget of 5000 euro available for every NWO project for Open Access.
- The applicant is the main applicant of the NWO- funded project from which the publication concerned arises.
- The NWO project has a finishing date after 1 January 2008.
- The Open Access publication appears after the date of application to the Incentive Fund Open Access Publications.
- The publication appears in a peer-reviewed scientific Open Access journal, or the rights are purchased for Open Access, or it is published in a peer-reviewed scientific (academic) book series or after peer review at a scientific (academic) publisher.

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## **After the grant**

The subsidy awarded will be paid after

- the Open Access publication has actually appeared and the website link has been given
- the publication has been registered in the NWO research project of which the publication is output.
- the applicant has sent in documents proving payment for the Open Access publication.

All this information will be sent to NWO through the Iris system as an update both of the Open Access project and the NWO research project through Iris.