

Converting to Open Access in Partnership with UK Libraries

Research Project

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A Large-Scale Transition Plan to OA

About Érudit

Érudit provides access to Canada’s humanities and social sciences research output. Over three-quarters of the 23 million articles read on Érudit each year come from outside Canada, with 2 million pages viewed from the UK. Érudit is a non-profit interuniversity consortium, which has been working for more than 20 years to disseminate research results through its platform and digital publishing services.

Key Facts

- 179 peer-reviewed journals, represented across 35 disciplines, including education, translation, literature, history, etc.
- Over 6,000 new articles added every year
- Almost one-third of the journals on Érudit are already available in open access
- Used across 138 countries, the UK being the fourth largest user
- Over a 1,100 institutions are subscribing (to be converted in support of OA)

Number of Page Views from the UK



Canada: 3.7 M | China: 2.2 M | France: 2.1 M

Partnership for Open Access

Érudit's Partnership for Open Access is the Canadian manifestation of an international movement redefining the power dynamic in the field of scholarly publishing in support of a free and open circulation of knowledge.

Érudit is exploring an innovative model based on collaboration between university libraries and scholarly journals. The model will provide continuous financial support to allow scholarly societies and nonprofit publishers to transition to immediate open access without relying on APCs.

The partnership model aims to convert library subscription revenues into direct and continuous support of the journals' publishing activities.

Transition Plan

In 2014, Érudit developed a funding model for open access tailored to the needs of Canadian journals in HSS, in collaboration with the Canadian Research Knowledge Network (CRKN). All Canadian HSS University libraries supported this initiative.

In 2018, 37 libraries from France (Couperin) and Belgium (BiCfB) joined the Partnership.

This year, we continue to work on the conversion of international subscriptions into partnerships for OA.



2014	→	2018	→	2022
24 months embargo		12 months embargo		immediate open access
87 journals with 24 months embargo		89 journals with 12 months embargo		0 journal with an embargo
19 open access journals		44 open access journals		221* open access journals
total of 106 peer-reviewed journals		total of 133 peer-reviewed journals		total of 221 peer-reviewed journals
18% open access journals		33% open access journals		100% open access journals
Supported by 53 libraries (CRKN/Canada)		Supported by 90 libraries (CRKN/Canada, Couperin/France, BiCfB/Belgium)		Supported by libraries worldwide

* 90 new journals to be added by 2022 – 75% in English

Deployment of the Transition Plan in the UK

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The first phase of the deployment of the transition plan in the UK is a research project lead by Érudit, together with Raym Crow, senior consultant at SPARC and managing partner at Chain Bridge Group.

Process

- 1 Provide libraries with free access for 9 months to the entire peer-reviewed journals collection.
- 2 Monitor the usage through the COUNTER reports, which we will provide you.
- 3 Use the COUNTER data to inform the development of an open access model adapted to the needs of UK libraries.
- 4 Invite participating libraries to comment on the open access model options that we develop.

Goals

- Having all peer-reviewed journals disseminate in non-APC OA by 2022.
- Providing all OA journals with continuous financial support.

Outcome

An open access model based on usage statistics, adapted to the economic and cultural realities of UK libraries.

A Worldwide Alliance of Non-commercial Platforms for Open Access

In April 2019, six majors independent platforms – AmeliCA, AJOL, Érudit, J-STAGE, OpenEdition, and SciELO Network joined together to stress the importance of an alliance of non-commercial initiatives to sustain an equitable and fair open access environment.

This call for a worldwide democratization of both knowledge generation and knowledge utilization processes was heard by and picked up by UNESCO, its partners and collaborators, with the establishment of a Global Alliance of Open Access Scholarly Communication Platforms (GLOALL) following a multistakeholder framework.

As Jean-Claude Guédon (Chair of the Expert Group – Future of Scholarly Publishing and Scholarly Communication of the European Commission) says: “The stakes are high: such an alliance has the potential of being the largest publishing entity in the academic publishing world. Its weight will immediately be felt, and more (and similar) groups will undoubtedly join.”

Tanja Niemann from Érudit noted about the GLOALL : “Our engagement, the accumulated know-how and experiences are unique and of great value. We need to identify our strengths, the gaps and then come up with a bigger goal in order to foster open infrastructure and Open Science to enable a worldwide collaboration and facilitate the sharing of knowledge.”

By supporting Érudit and the Partnership for Open Access, you contribute directly to this international movement.

Discover more information about the Alliance in the Unesco press release : <https://en.unesco.org/news/launch-global-alliance-open-access-scholarly-communication-platforms-democratize-knowledge>

Want to Participate? It's easy!

Please complete the form at <https://partnership.erudit.org/research-project>

More about the Partnership

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