
Open Memberships 2021 Report

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OVERVIEW

UT Libraries (UTL) are proud to share information about our 2021 Open Memberships activities. UTL supports 29 different initiatives or memberships that support open access. These initiatives and memberships cover a range of disciplines and business models. The overarching goal of our Open Memberships support is to help create a more sustainable scholarly publishing system.

OA Memberships LibGuide: <https://guides.lib.utexas.edu/oamemberships>

INITIATIVES CONSIDERED IN 2021

1. SciPost, <https://scipost.org/> - joined fall 2021
2. MIT D2O, <https://direct.mit.edu/books/pages/direct-to-open> - sponsored the STEM and HSS packages in fall 2021 which total approximately 90 titles. Our support also gets us access to the backfile of over 2,300 titles.
3. OA Community Investment Program, <https://www.lyrasis.org/content/Pages/oacip.aspx> - Environmental Humanities - supported in summer 2021
4. Bioline, <http://www.bioline.org.br/> - reviewed but declined to support because information on their website was outdated, indexing was incomplete, and we weren't able to get a response to our inquiries.
5. University of Michigan Fund to Mission, <https://www.publishing.umich.edu/features/fund-to-mission> - reviewed but declined to support because the cost was more than our current spend on UM books. We are open to reviewing this option again in the future.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES/USAGE

The following are a summary of activities for some of our open memberships. If you have specific questions about a membership or initiative, please contact Colleen Lyon, c.lyon@austin.utexas.edu.

- Ars Inveniendi Analytica, <https://ars-inveniendi-analytica.com/>

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- Seven articles published this year. They use a platinum/diamond OA model that doesn't have fees for readers or authors.
 - arXiv, <https://arxiv.org/> (these are 2020 numbers as 2021 numbers probably won't be released until February)
 - 1.89 billion downloads and approximately 192,000 submissions (for all of arXiv)
 - 8,458 submissions by UT Austin authors - 20% increase over 2019 submissions (#30 for submissions)
 - 84,611 downloads from the utexas.edu domain (#76 for downloads)
 - BioOne Complete, <https://complete.bioone.org/about>
 - 4,432 page views and 4,333 downloads
 - Cambridge, <https://www.cambridge.org/>
 - 36 articles published
 - If we'd had to pay those APCs directly it would have cost \$117,180
 - DataCite, <https://datacite.org/>
 - 9,761 DOIs minted
 - engrXiv, <https://engrxiv.org/>
 - 614 new preprints added and 1,221,897 downloads in 2021 (these are global stats, not specific to UT Austin)
 - HathiTrust, <https://www.hathitrust.org/>
 - 14,298,754 sessions, 346,117,248 page views, over 5 million users (global stats, not specific to UT Austin)
 - MDPI, <https://www.mdpi.com/>
 - 167 articles published, 77 with a UT Austin corresponding author
 - Our 10% discount on APCs saved UT Austin corresponding authors over \$8,700 (note: this membership is free for UT Austin to participate in)
 - ORCID, <https://orcid.org/>
 - 10,737 ORCID records list a utexas.edu email address. 1,884 were created in 2021.
 - PeerJ, <https://peerj.com/>
 - Four articles published for a total cost of \$4,180
 - \$5,475 remaining in our account
 - PLOS, <https://plos.org/resources/community-action-publishing/>
 - We are participating in the PLOS CAP program for PLOS Biology and PLOS Medicine. This model creates a flat rate for unlimited submissions by UT Austin authors. Our fees of \$15,035 are based on historical data for the number of submissions from UT.
 - In 2021, there were two submissions to PLOS Biology and four submissions to PLOS Medicine. Those submissions would have cost between \$20,700 - \$24,000 if we weren't part of CAP.
 - 29 submissions to other PLOS journals

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- Qualitative Data Repository, <https://qdr.syr.edu/>
 - Two UT Austin affiliated datasets

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