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The Office of Research and University Libraries established a fund of $20,000 for FY 2008-2009 to support publishing in open access journals.

Open Access Definition
OA journals perform peer review and then make the approved contents freely available to the world. Their expenses consist of peer review, manuscript preparation, and server space. (Suber, 2004)

 must be peer-reviewed
 Article must be freely available immediately
 Hybird journals are not considered
 Office of Research Decides

Promotional Approach to Faculty
 improves access to UTK research
 enables authors to retain their copyrights
 raises campus awareness about the benefits of open access
 accelerates the online availability of peer-reviewed scientific and scholarly journal articles generated by UTK researcher

Program Eligibility
 UTK faculty member, post-doctoral associate, or currently enrolled graduate student
 Funds are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis
 a maximum of $3,000 per article
 must be peer-reviewed
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Outcomes

1. Limited Funds
2. Hybrids not included
3. Sustainability of pilot program

Benefits
1. Collaboration among top level administration, faculty and librarians to control publishing costs.
2. Campus-wide OA promotion
3. Encourages faculty to negotiate all publishing charges
4. Faculty consider OA journals

Challenges
1. 10 faculty, 1 graduate student
2. 7 departments
3. 3 publishers funded (Bentham, BioMed Central, PLoS)
4. $11,607 approved
5. $1,607 average cost per article