

Options for Institutional Access to AGU Electronic Journals

AGU offers institutions several price options that allow the creation of a package of Earth and space journals compatible with budgets and needs. Prices are based on categories and access. Institutions may choose to purchase journals with different types of access for different subscriptions.

Categories

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Category	Academic	Corporate	Research Institutions
1	Two-year Associates or equivalent or pre-college institution		
2	Bachelors or equivalent Public Libraries (single-site facilities)	<6 Professional Staff	<6 Professional Staff
3	Both Bachelors/Masters equivalent, No Doctorates	<251 FTE	>5 and <26 Professional Staff
4	Doctorates <51 granted per year across all disciplines	251 to 2,500 FTE	26 to 250 Professional Staff
5	Doctorates >50 granted per year across all disciplines	>2,500 FTE	>250 Professional Staff

Academic Institutions are classified by highest science-related degree granted.

Corporations are classified by number of full-time employees (FTE) in the locations they wish to serve under a single license.

Research Institutions are classified by the total number of research staff for governmental and non-academic organizations and by the total number of faculty and post doctorates for university departments.

Access is IP or IP range but a user name and password option is possible.

AGU Electronic Journal Price Selections

AGU offers three options for the purchase of electronic journals, Full Network Price, Per-User Price, and Annual Access Fees. All options give subscribers access to the “journal of record,” which is the electronic version of each journal.

Full Network Price

Full Network price is unlimited campus-wide access through IP or IP Range. Subscribers are entitled to long-term continuing access if the institution should drop its subscription in the future.

Per-User Price

Per-User price is an option that includes a base price for a journal with access for two simultaneous users, and the ability to add additional users at a low cost. Subscribers to the entire *Journal of Geophysical Research* are entitled to four simultaneous users at the base price. When additional users are needed they may be added at the per-user price of only 10% of the base price of the journal. Subscriptions paid for at the per-user rates are entitled to long-term continuing access if the institution should drop its subscription in the future.

Although all subscription categories are eligible for the Per-User pricing, it is not an advantage to institutions in categories 1 through 3.

When can the number of users be increased or decreased? The number of simultaneous users may be increased, but not decreased, at any time during a subscription period. The number of users can be reduced only prior to the start of any new subscription period. If the institution changes the number of users, the new number will apply to the current subscription period and any back issues to which the institution is entitled.

Annual Access Fees

Annual Access fees for electronic add-on journals are available to those institutions that meet eligibility requirements and desire access to titles for only occasional use. Those institutions that pay for either Full Network access or Per-User electronic access for the entire *Journal of Geophysical Research* (JGR) or any two of JGR-Space Physics, JGR-Solid Earth, JGR-Oceans, JGR-Atmospheres, *Water Resources Research* or *Geophysical Research Letters* are eligible. Long-term continuing access is not available with Annual Access fee subscriptions.

Upgrading to, or downgrading from Annual Access fees, occurs only at the beginning of a subscription period (i.e. the calendar year). Journals for which the institution has paid subscriptions (print or electronic) for the current or prior year are not eligible to begin a subscription on the access fee basis. Institutions that wish to move to an Annual Access fee must wait 24 months to determine whether statistics for the journal show infrequent use.

Upgrading and Downgrading

What happens if use of an occasional journal increases? Each year usage will be assessed and if it surpasses the predefined limit, the institution must either upgrade to a regular electronic subscription or drop that journal. There will be an approximate 12-month grace period between notification of a possible upgrade and the time when the status will actually change. If usage during the grace period is not sustained at the level triggering an upgrade, the institution continues to be eligible for the Annual Access fee.

What happens if use of a regular price journal goes down? Likewise, if electronic usage of a journal for which the institution pays a regular subscription rate is not sustained at predefined limits, the institution may downgrade to the Annual Access fee after the initial 24 months of access, so long as the basic eligibility requirements continue to be met.

Back Issues

Continuing access to back issues of journals from 2002 forward is available. Email institutions@agu.org for a quote.

Print Add-On to Electronic Journals at a Discount

Institutions that purchase either Full Network, Per-User, Annual Access Fee pricing may add the print version of their journals at a discount.