

## **FAQ on Geochemistry, Geophysics, Geosystems move to open access**

### **Why is Geochemistry, Geophysics, Geosystems becoming an open access journal?**

AGU remains committed to [open science and open data](#). As a part of our mission, we are focused on making science available to the widest possible audience. Since many researchers around the world have open access requirements by funders, this move to an open access model will make compliance easier.

Authors will pay an open access article processing charge (APC) and retain copyright of their article that they can publish under a [Creative Commons license](#) (choose from CC-BY or CC-BY-NC-ND).

There will be no excess page fees or any other additional fees for publication. In addition, there will be no subscription paywall, which means that more people will have access to your research so they can actively cite, read and share data for free.

### **When will Geochemistry, Geophysics, Geosystems become open access?**

All articles in the journal will be open access as of 1 January 2022.

After 8 September 2021, submissions received/accepted must agree to pay the article processing charge (APC), but there will be no excess page fees or any other additional fees for publication.

### **What if I already have a paper under consideration to Geochemistry, Geophysics, Geosystems?**

If your paper is under consideration before 8 September 2021 and publishes after 1 January 2021, then your paper will publish with copyright to the authors under a [Creative Commons license](#) for free because the fee will be waived.

If your paper publishes in 2021, then the paper will publish as a subscription article and the copyright will be to AGU. It will become freely available to read and download without a subscription on 1 January 2022.

If your funder requires you to publish under a [Creative Commons license](#), you should choose to pay the article processing charge (APC) to receive the proper license.

After 8 September 2021, submissions under consideration must agree to pay the open access APC, but there will be no excess page fees or any other additional fees for publication.

### **What does this mean for my resubmission?**

Resubmissions will be considered as submitted before the 8 September 2021 deadline and will be treated the same as new submissions.

### **What does this mean if my paper is in revisions?**

It will be treated the same as those under consideration.

### **Can I get a waiver for my author publishing charges?**

AGU will consider all requests for waivers. Email your request to [g-cubed@agu.org](mailto:g-cubed@agu.org) or include the request in your cover letter.

Many institutions [cover APC charges 100% or offer discounts](#) in AGU journals. AGU will offer automatic waivers and discounts for authors in low- or middle-income countries covered under the [Research4Life](#) initiative in our open access journals.

### **Does my institution or country cover these open access costs?**

[Your institution](#) may cover open access fees through transitional agreements through Wiley, AGU's publishing partner.

### **What if I have planned to pay for open access already?**

If you had already planned to pay for open access, there is good news. The journal's move to open access means that your open access fees will be lower.

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### **What will the fees be for *Geochemistry*, *Geophysics*, *Geosystems*?**

The fees for all AGU journals, including open access journals, is available on our [Pub Fee table](#).

### **Will previous subscription content in *Geochemistry*, *Geophysics*, *Geosystems* be open access?**

As of 1 January 2022, all the journal's content will be available open access.

### **Will there still be excess page fees?**

After 9 July 2021, there will be no excess page fees or any other additional fees other than the APC for publication in any open access AGU journal, including *Geochemistry*, *Geophysics*, *Geosystems*.

## What changes are happening excess page fees for other AGU journals?

We are very excited to be able to eliminate excess fees on all open access articles in AGU journals.

This will apply to all articles in gold OA journals:

- *AGU Advances*
- *Earth and Space Science*
- *Earth's Future*
- *GeoHealth*
- *JAMES*
- *Space Weather*

There will be no excess fees for articles for which open access is purchased in the hybrid subscription titles:

- *Geochemistry, Geophysics, Geosystems (G-Cubed)*
- *Global Biogeochemical Cycles*
- *Geophysical Research Letters*
- the JGR group of journals
- *Paleoceanography and Paleoclimatology*
- *Radio Science*
- *Reviews of Geophysics*
- *Tectonics*
- *Water Resources Research*

Excess fees will be eliminated for *Perspectives of Earth and Space Scientists*, a diamond open access journal.

As a result, the APC will also be changing in all gold open access journals and articles for which open access is purchased in the hybrid subscription titles.

## When will this new fee structure take effect?

This change is happening on 9 July 2021.

For the gold open access titles (*AGU Advances*, *Earth and Space Science*, *Earth's Future*, *GeoHealth*, *JAMES* and *Space Weather*), the new APC will be incurred for all submissions on or after that date.

For articles for which open access is purchased in the hybrid subscription titles (*Geochemistry, Geophysics, Geosystems*; *Global Biogeochemical Cycles*; *Geophysical Research Letters*; the JGR group of journals; *Paleoceanography and Paleoclimatology*; *Radio Science*; *Reviews of Geophysics*; *Tectonics* and *Water Resources Research*), the new APC will be incurred for all open access orders placed on or after that date.

Excess fees will be eliminated effective immediately on 9 July 2021 for any open access articles in production that have not yet reached the invoicing stage.

### **What if I receive an invoice for excess fees right before the cutoff date?**

If you receive an invoice for excess fees on a subscription article between now and 8 July 2021, but you would rather order open access, please contact [publications@agu.org](mailto:publications@agu.org) to discuss your options.

### **What if I already paid for excess fees on a subscription article at some point before 9 July 2021 but now want to order open access instead?**

You can order open access for a subscription article at any time in your Author Services Dashboard.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to refund previously paid excess fees.

### **What if I'm invoiced for excess fees when I shouldn't be (e.g., after 9 July 2021)?**

We are aiming to make this as seamless of a transition as possible, but there may be errors due to the transition of this magnitude.

If you receive an invoice for excess fees that you believe was incorrect, please contact [publications@agu.org](mailto:publications@agu.org) so we can review it immediately.

### **Will there still be excess fees on subscription articles?**

Yes, excess fees apply on subscription articles in the hybrid journals:

- *Global Biogeochemical Cycles*
- *Geophysical Research Letters*
- the JGR group of journals
- *Paleoceanography and Paleoclimatology*
- *Radio Science*
- *Reviews of Geophysics*
- *Tectonics*
- *Water Resources Research*

Excess page fees will apply to *Geochemistry*, *Geophysics*, *Geosystems* until 1 January 2022.

### **I have a question that is not answered in this document. What should I do?**

Please email [publications@agu.org](mailto:publications@agu.org) so we can assist you.