This guide from UVic Libraries outlines different ways in which researchers can comply with the SSHRC, NSERC and CIHR Open Access Policy on Publications.

1) UVicSpace

Most major academic publishers will allow you to submit an article post-print (a copy of the article after peer-review, but before publisher branding and layout) to an open access repository within 12 months of publication. This option allows you to continue to publish in traditional subscription journals while meeting the terms of the Tri-Agency mandate. To find out whether a specific journal allows you to share your post-print within 12 months, you can search the title at the Sherpa/Romeo website. If you are still unsure then please contact the library and we will help you to determine whether you can deposit your publication in UVicSpace to meet your funder’s open access mandate.

2) Current Grant Holders

Researchers who currently hold Tri-Agency grants may use those funds to pay article processing fees (APCs) if they wish to publish in a fee-based open access journal. APCs are considered eligible expenses under “Dissemination of Research Results” in the Tri-Agency’s “Use of Grant Funds” document.

3) Open Access Publisher Discounts

The library maintains agreements that allow UVic researchers to obtain discounts on article processing charges from several major open access publishers. Please see our website for a list of our open access publisher memberships.

4) No-Fee Open Access Journals

Many open access journals do not charge article processing fees. These publications are typically supported by universities, scholarly societies, and other non-profit institutions. You can use the Directory of Open Access Journals to find OA journals in your discipline without publication charges, or ask the library for help.

5) Future Grants

Researchers who are preparing Tri-Agency proposals should be sure to include open access APCs as part of their projected expenses. APCs vary substantially from publisher to publisher, but a good rule of thumb is to budget $2500 per article.

Questions? Please contact your subject librarian.