



Funding for Open Access Fees for Journal Publications

Terms of Reference

March 23, 2023

The Faculty of Forestry will consider requests for funds for open access publications. Pre-tenure faculty can request funding for one open access paper per year; post-tenure faculty can apply every other year. Publications with high potential impact will be prioritized for the funds available. Requests for open access funds should be sent to the Associate Dean – Research and Innovation (ADRI), and will be accepted on a rolling basis as long as funds remain within a fiscal year. The ADRI may consult with other faculty members or the Department Head in the applicant's department to evaluate requests.

Request for open access funding should include:

- (1) A short justification, including the potential impact of the paper and the intended audience;
- (2) The funding source for the research;
- (3) A statement that no other funds for publication are available; and
- (4) A copy of the manuscript.

Publications that are approved for open access funding will be featured on the Faculty of Forestry website, and/or on social media. The Assistant Dean, Communications will be informed of these publications, and funded faculty members will work with the communications team to promote the research.

Faculty members should post manuscript versions of all publications that are not published as open access on a preprint server such as UBC cIRcle (www.circle.ubc.ca) or BioRxiv (www.biorxiv.org).

Faculty of Forestry Outstanding Research Award

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Nov. 7, 2022

Every two years, starting in the 2020-21 academic year, an Assistant or Associate Professor in the Faculty of Forestry will be awarded the Faculty of Forestry Outstanding Research Award and receive \$1,000 and a plaque or certificate. This award is to recognize the outstanding research accomplishments of a faculty member (Assistant or Associate) early in their career. The process for selecting the winner of this award will be as follows:

- (1) In January every other year (starting in 2021), each of the three Department Heads will nominate one faculty member for consideration for the award, based on their publication record in the previous two years (Jan. 2021-Dec. 2022 for nominations in Jan. 2023). To select a nominee, the Head will consult with several full professors in the Department, including a diversity of individuals.
- (2) The Head will also ask the individual selected if they wish to be nominated, and if not, then nominate another individual.
- (3) Nominees will prepare a statement (max. 1200 words) in which they: 1) briefly synthesize their body of work in the previous two years, and 2) describe its impact. They will also provide a list of publications of the past two years (Jan. 2021-Dec. 2022 for nominations in Jan. 2023), and electronic copies of three publications to the Award Committee. Impact should be interpreted broadly, please refer to a non-comprehensive list of [impact categories](#) developed for the UBC Internal Awards for guidance.
- (4) To select the winner from the three nominees, a committee comprising one professor from each Department plus the Associate Dean – Research and Innovation will review the nominations and recommend a winner to the Dean of Forestry.
- (5) Individuals can only receive the award once, but can be nominated more than once if previous nominations have not been successful.