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In developing countries, budgets for research are low or non-existent. This makes it difficult for researchers to publish their articles in open access (OA) journals that have Article Processing Charges (APCs).

To support researchers from these countries, EIFL negotiates with publishers for free or discounted APCs.

“We want to publish in OA journals because this is the best way to share our research widely, but with the high price of APCs we cannot afford it,” said Dr Imad Ibrik, Director of the Energy Research Centre at An-Najah National University.

“I chose to publish my article about solar power and electrification of rural areas in Palestine in the Taylor & Francis OA journal Cogent Engineering. But the APC was €1,000 – and that is a lot of money.”

In 2019, EIFL and Taylor & Francis signed an agreement that enables researchers from 37 EIFL partner countries to publish with discounted or waived APCs in over 130 fully OA journals that cover a wide range of disciplines, including the sciences, social sciences and humanities.

“I was extremely happy to receive a 50% discount, and my article has been published,” said Dr Ibrik.

“I know that my colleagues are now also applying for discounts,” he added.

**In 2019:** Authors in EIFL partner countries can publish in open access with waived or discounted APCs in 745 journals as a result of EIFL-negotiated agreements with four publishers.



“The discounted Article Processing Charges are encouraging researchers to submit their articles to high quality open access journals where they could not otherwise afford to publish.”

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