



DEAL

# The DEAL Elsevier Agreement

Key transformative elements

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Give all scholars in Germany the means and opportunity to publish the results of their research in the journals of their choice with a Creative Commons open license that enables free use and re-use

# Open Access Publishing



Authors affiliated with participating institutions can publish open access

- In ~1,800 journals in Elsevier's Core Hybrid portfolio
- In hybrid journals of Cell Press and The Lancet
- In around 700 Elsevier Fully Gold Open Access journals with a 20% discount on list APCs (15% discount for Cell Press and The Lancet journals).

# 2

Ensure that all German institutions have equal and permanent access to complete portfolios of scholarly journal content.

## Access to content still behind the paywall

Participating institutions receive **access to virtually the entire Elsevier portfolio**

- Including Cell Press and The Lancet titles
- Including perpetual access to content published during their years of participation

# 3

Establish a fair, reasonable and future-oriented cost model

## Costs articulated based on publishing

- Costs for OA publishing services and reading access are rolled up in “Publish and Read (PAR)” fees *post-paid* to Elsevier in direct relation to the number of articles published

Journals	#articles from Germany in 2022	Fee	Annual price increase
Core Hybrid Journals	~ 9,700	2,550€	+3%
Cell Press & The Lancet Journals	~ 400	6,450€	+4%

## In summary

A great success for the German research community

- Open access to German research
- Expanded access for institutions large and small
- Move away from the cost logic of subscriptions