Pledge to Open Pilot 2023/2024

Description of Pledge to Open

In July 2023 Taylor & Francis announced the launch of ‘Pledge to Open’, a collaborative funding open access books initiative, in conjunction with Jisc and other international member partners, to ensure the widest possible dissemination and impact of T&F’s research book titles.

‘Pledge to Open’ is designed to support open access at the point of publication, thereby maximising the opportunity for these books to reach a wide and diverse audience and drive real world impact.

The ‘Pledge to Open’ pilot aimed to transform 70 front list research book titles into open access. Each collection showcased 10 cutting edge research titles on a key global issue.

Participating institutions could choose which collection or collections they would like to pledge for and pay a one-off fee per collection to support its transformation to open access. In return, they would receive perpetual unlimited multi-user access for the titles of the collections they pledge for, irrespective of any funding thresholds being met for this pilot.

- Pledging starts in July 2023 and finishes in July 2024
- The pilot is open worldwide
- Seven key issue-based collections from the Routledge and CRC Press imprints
- Each collection includes 10 forthcoming titles which will be made OA according to funding targets per collection
- There will be a mixture of HSS and STEM titles in most collections. The composition will vary per collection depending on the subject matter of the collection
- Pledging amounts are based on banding levels, offering a more equitable solution for all institutions to fully participate and support open access
- Each participating institution/library will have perpetual unlimited multi-user access to all titles of the collection/s they pledge for regardless of any funding targets
- Participation in more than one collection is possible and a tiered discount offer is available for multiple collection pledges
- Participation prices range per collection depending on the mixture of HSS and STEM content
- The funding target will be supported via the pledges from institutions and consortia worldwide
- If the funding target is met, all 10 titles within the collection will be published Open Access
- If the funding target is not met, the number of titles published in Open Access will be reduced accordingly. For example, if only 60% of the funding target to make all 10 titles Open Access in a collection is achieved, then 6 titles will be published OA instead.
- Taylor & Francis will proceed with publishing any titles OA if the funding level reached is more than 50% per collection
- The full title selection for each collection will be announced by the end of the pledging period (July 2024). We aim to gradually announce titles as and when each collection reaches the funding threshold Collection pricing (GBP) and HSS/STEM ratio quick link