

What is Immediate Open Access?

Under the national immediate open access policy*, immediate open access to scholarly publications funded by the following funding programmes has become mandatory for applications submitted from fiscal year 2025.

【Competitive Research Funding Systems subject to Immediate Open Access】

	Name of Ministry	Funding Agency	Name of System
1	Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology	Japan Society for the Promotion of Science	Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research
2	Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology	Japan Science and Technology Agency	Strategic Basic Research Programs ³
3	Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology	Japan Agency for Medical Research and Development	Strategic Basic Research Programs (Advanced Research & Development Programs for Medical Innovation)
4	Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology	Japan Science and Technology Agency	Fusion Oriented Research for disruptive Science and Technology

The term “immediate” in “immediate open access” under the National Policy means that there is no period of prohibition (embargo) after the publication of scholarly publications and scientific data funded by the relevant competitive research funds in academic journals. For further details, please refer to the materials provided below

* [National Policy on Promoting Open Access](#)

• [National Policy on Promoting Open Access to Publicly Funded Scholarly Publications and Scientific Data](#)

• [Measures for the Implementation of “National Policy on Promoting Open Access to Publicly Funded Scholarly Publications and Scientific Data” \(decided by the Integrated Innovation Strategy Promotion Council on February 16, 2024\)](#)

What is Immediate Open Access support information?

Information on the support for immediate open access refers to information regarding the policies set by the publisher concerning the receipt of submissions for articles eligible for “Immediate Open Access.” This support information allows you to confirm whether the journal supports “Immediate Open Access” and to check details such as submission procedures.

Display of Immediate Open Access support information

Immediate open access information will be displayed on the "About this material" screen as follows.

If the journal publisher has not set this information, the information field below will be hidden.

The screenshot displays two main sections: 'Immediate open access information' and 'Submission-related information'. The first section includes 'Status of support' (Immediate OA Policy Supported), 'Supported methods' (Hybrid OA, Immediate self-archiving to institutional repository is permitted), 'Embargo period' (None), and 'OA policy' (with a link). The second section includes 'Submit your paper' (with a link), 'How to submit' (with a link), 'Guide for authors' (with a link), 'Peer review period' (Two months), 'APC (Maximum amount)' (¥10,000), and 'APC site' (with a link). Two callout boxes on the right provide detailed explanations for the 'Immediate open access information' and 'Submission-related information' sections.

Immediate open access information [Learn more](#)

Status of support Immediate OA Policy Supported	Supported methods Hybrid OA Immediate self-archiving to institutional repository is permitted.
Embargo period None	OA policy https://www.jstage-sample.or.jp/oa-polic...
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Submission-related information

Submit your paper https://www.jstage-sample.or.jp/submit.h...	How to submit https://www.jstage-sample.or.jp/howtosub...
Guide for authors https://www.jstage-sample.or.jp/guidelin...	Peer review period Two months
APC (Maximum amount) ¥10,000	APC site https://www.jstage-sample.or.jp/apc.html

• Immediate open access information
Displays the journal's immediate open access information. The main items are the following two points.

- Status of support
Journals that support immediate open access will be displayed as "Immediate OA Policy Supported".
If not, no mark will be displayed.
- Supported methods
Displays journal's information about open access/hybrid open access/free access journals.
Displays whether immediate self-archiving to institutional repository is permitted or not.

• Submission-related information
Displays information about journal submissions.