

RightsLink® for Scientific Communications

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WHAT'S NEW WITH RIGHTSLINK FOR SCIENTIFIC COMMUNICATIONS?

We are pleased to announce the latest RightsLink for Scientific Communications release, which released on 20 January 2021.

This RightsLink for Scientific Communications release demonstrates our continued commitment to supporting the needs of our publishers' transformative and open access agreements, but also our desire to provide all publishers—agreement-focused or otherwise—more reporting and data to discover actionable insights for their respective businesses.

Continue reading to learn more about this release.

Questions? Contact Shannon Reville at sreville@copyright.com or your Account Manager.

AGREEMENT MANAGER FEATURES SUPPORTING 2021 DEALS

Note: Use of the agreement management suite is required in order to benefit from these new tools. To learn more, please contact your Account Manager.

Making Authors Aware of OA Funding Options at Submission

One step to the successful and sustainable transition to open access is increasing awareness of funding options for researchers throughout the manuscript lifecycle, beginning at submission. Today, many submission platforms have open access workflows that enable authors to preview what APC charges are likely to be due upon manuscript acceptance. These smart links run the author's manuscript metadata against the RightsLink rules engine to present possible APC charges due (required and optional) based on the initial metadata.

Now, with the January release, authors will be able to click those same smart links and, if eligible, preview funding options within the RightsLink agreement management module, whether with a single institution, a consortium or a single funder.

Sample Submission System Page

The screenshot shows a submission system interface. On the left, under 'Publishing Preference', there is a link '* Estimate Open Access Fees' with an external link icon. A red arrow points from this link to a larger inset window on the right. This inset window displays the RightsLink interface for a manuscript titled 'The psychological effects of social distancing and isolation' by John Smith. It features a blue arrow labeled 'Potential Funding Options' and a 'Charges Estimate' section. The main heading in the inset is 'You may be eligible for funding under one or more institutional agreements'. Below this, there are radio buttons for 'Seek Funding From CCC University' and 'Bill Me'. A 'Note from your Institution' and a 'Note from your Publisher' are visible, along with 'Institution Contact Information' for Sam Brown.

- Specifically, when authors click a “Preview Charges” link from within their respective submission or author portal, RightsLink will run its flagship “profile matching logic” and identify whether the manuscript is eligible for funding at acceptance under an existing open access agreement.

- When a manuscript is eligible for funding, RightsLink presents the author with funding options, including contact information at the institution, any special directions from the author's publisher and/or institution, and more.
- From the funding eligibility page, the authors can then drill down to the charges estimate page to view the journal-specific charges, any license requirements, if discounts are being applied, or if the APCs are prepaid.
- Once the manuscript is accepted, the publisher or institution may require the author to complete the RightsLink seek funding approval workflow.
 - Currently, publishers can determine if there should be a touch-free workflow that excludes authors and institutions from determining if funding approval is automated or requires individual review on the Funding Request Dashboard available within the Institutional Portal.

Institutional Portal Enhancements

We are responding to your institutions' feedback by making two updates to the institutional portal. The first is a filtering capability on the institutions' Funding Requests dashboard. Using these filters, institutions can quickly locate specific manuscripts or high-priority requests and respond to them.

The screenshot shows the 'Funding Requests' tab in the Institutional Portal. At the top, there are navigation tabs for 'Billing Profiles', 'Funding Requests', and 'Reports'. Below the tabs, a message states: 'The table below includes any funding requests that have been matched to one of your special billing profiles.' There are two buttons: a green 'APPROVE' button and an orange 'DENY' button. The 'APPROVE' button has a tooltip that reads: 'When you approve funding for a manuscript, the transaction will be completed, assigned an Order ID, and when a balance is due, included in your next invoice based on the schedule defined in that agreement's profile.' The 'DENY' button has a tooltip that reads: 'If you deny funding you will be prompted to provide a deny reason to inform the author of your decision. The author will have the opportunity to self-fund the transaction, resubmit for funding based on your deny reason, or elect to publish under a subscription model, as available.'

Below the buttons is a 'Show Advanced Search' button, which is highlighted with a red box and a red arrow pointing downwards. Below this button, it says 'Results 1 - 10 of 10'. A table follows with the following columns: Order Date, Article Title, Primary Author, Primary Author Email & Affiliation, Publisher, Profile Name, Total Fees Due, Status, and Actions. The table contains one row of data:

Order Date	Article Title	Primary Author	Primary Author Email & Affiliation	Publisher	Profile Name	Total Fees Due	Status	Actions
30-Oct-2020	test manuscript	Auseika, Pavel	pauseika@copyri ght.com	APCTEST1 publisher	[pi] s3 pa] OA type	21,600.00 USD	Pending	APPROVE DENY

Search for Funding Request

Article Title:	<input type="text"/>	Agreement Name:	<input type="text"/>
DOI:	<input type="text"/>	Profile Name:	<input type="text"/>
Primary Author First Name:	<input type="text"/>	Touch-Free:	All <input type="text"/>
Primary Author Last Name:	<input type="text"/>	Status:	All <input type="text"/>
Primary Author Affiliation:	<input type="text"/>	Order Date:	In last 30 days <input type="text"/>
Publisher:	<input type="text"/>	Accept Date:	In last 30 days <input type="text"/>
Funder:	<input type="text"/>		

The second institutional suggestion we are responding to is the addition of “DOI” as a search criterion on the Institutional Portal Reports tab. We were advised this would help some institutions find key manuscripts and would be a welcome addition to the existing filters:

Billing Profiles | Funding Requests | Reports

Transaction Summary Report

Manuscript ID:	<input type="text"/>	Primary Author first name:	<input type="text"/>
Manuscript name:	<input type="text"/>	Primary Author last name:	<input type="text"/>
Manuscript DOI:	<input type="text"/>	Primary Author ID:	<input type="text"/>
Publisher name:	<input type="text"/>	Primary Author Institution:	<input type="text"/>
Promotion name:	<input type="text"/>	Funding status: ⓘ	All <input type="text"/>
Funder name:	<input type="text"/>	Payment status: ⓘ	All <input type="text"/>
Invoice number:	<input type="text"/>	Order date:	In last 30 days <input type="text"/>
Order ID:	<input type="text"/>		

NEW PUBLISHER PORTAL REPORTS FOR ALL PUBLISHERS

No implementation changes are required to take advantage of these reports. Please note the following:

- *Details for these new reports can be found in their respective guides on copyright.com/release-notes/.*
- *New distribution reports will apply only to future distributions; your first report will be available when your next distribution is sent.*

Accepted Manuscripts Without an APC Order

RightsLink publishers often request easier identification of their authors’ manuscripts which have been accepted for funding but do not reflect an APC transaction through RightsLink. Making these manuscripts easier to identify will help your teams plan outreach to authors, as needed, to supplement the existing automatic reminders from RightsLink which encourage authors to complete their APC transactions.

To facilitate this process, we will release a new report in January called “Accepted Manuscripts Without an APC Order.” The report will include detailed information about the status of the initial funding offer to the author(s) and reminder emails and will even include a new “opened” status for those emails (when available). *Note: For publishers that initiate their own offer emails we cannot provide this reporting. Use of RightsLink’s offer and reminder emails will increase the value of this report to your organization.*

RLSC Distribution Details

Pub Portal will feature a second new report in January called the “RLSC Distribution Details” report. Including both high level summaries and detailed manuscript-level financial calculations, this report will provide the information needed for your finance teams to reconcile your RightsLink for Scientific Communications distributions. The report will be searchable by distribution date or check number, and the distribution amounts will match the value reflected in each RLSC Distribution payment (check or ACH payment).