

RightsLink for Scientific Communications

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Copyright Clearance Center



What's New with RightsLink for Scientific Communications?

On 5 March 2026, new features will be available for publishers in RightsLink for Scientific Communications. Publishers will now be able to create new special billing profiles to support Membership Agreements or other types of agreements in which authors pay discounted APCs directly.

These new profiles will be called "Author-Invoiced Profiles" and will be listed alongside your other profiles on the Billing Profiles tab of Institutional Portal. Articles paid by your authors through these profiles will be listed on the "Author Fees" tab, but no approval or denial is required.

Please note that you will not see Author-Invoiced Profiles until your publisher begins to use these new features. Some publishers may need to use other functionality for author discounts that would limit your ability to see article data in the Institutional Portal.

Questions? Contact Chris Coia (ccoia@copyright.com).

Updates to the Institutional Portal

If your publisher has created an Author-Invoiced Profile for your organization, you will see manuscripts that have been transacted under that profile in the Institutional Portal dashboard. You will also be able to run the Transaction Summary Report and ESAC Article List Report to include these manuscripts. As such, you will see billing information for each article that has been transacted, including the amount the author paid and the size of the discount they received.

However, manuscripts paid directly by authors are **not** funding requests. You will be able to see that the author transacted, and confirm their receipt of an affiliation discount, but you will not be required nor able to approve or deny usage of the discount prior to author checkout. This feature is reserved for unlimited deals or funding requests where the balance due after discount will be invoiced to the institution. To help you differentiate, a new tab called 'Author Fees' has been added to the Institutional Portal. This tab will display limited information on each Author-Invoiced transaction, like the Funding Requests tab but without the approval/denial functions.

Order Date	Article Title	Primary Author	Primary Author Email & Affiliation	Publisher	Profile Name	Total Fees
06-Jan-2026	Studies in author discounting	Smith, Jane	test@discounting.com	APCHQ (Association provinciale des constructeurs d'habitation du Quebec)	CCC University Author Discount Profile	2,325.00 USD

RightsLink Acceptance Date: 06-Jan-2026
Journal: Acupuncture in Medicine
APC Token or Threshold Value: 775.00 USD

View of the Author Fees Tab in the Institutional Portal

In addition, you will be able to filter the ESAC Article List Report by Profile Type so you can separate Author-Invoiced Profiles from the rest of your program for reporting purposes.

View of ESAC Report Filtering Options in the Institutional Portal

Updates to Reports

The ESAC Article List Report

When an article is covered by an Author-Invoiced Profile, it will be included in the ESAC Article List Report, and the Invoicing Channel will have a new value: Author-Paid.

The Transaction Summary Report

Profile type will be added as a column in the report. For these transactions, the Funding Decision will have a value of 'N/A'.

EP	EQ	ER	ES
Special Billing Profile(s) Matched	Special Billing Profile Used	Special Billing Profile Type	Agreement Name
CCC University Test P	CCC University Test P	Author Invoiced	CCC Test Agreement

View of new fields in the Transaction Summary Report