

Note for authors funded by the Research Councils of the UK (RCUK) on compliance with the recent policy statement on open access.

RCUK has issued revisions to its policy on open access[†] which came into operation on 1 April 2013. Before reading our explanation below regarding LMS journal compliance with the policy, we recommend you read through the policy which will provide an explanation of the terms used in the further guidance notes.

UK universities that have significant research funding from RCUK have been given block grants and asked to administer the policy. Universities are already making payments of the 'Article Processing Charge,' APC, to enable papers to be immediately accessible in final published form. It is important that mathematicians funded by EPSRC and other UK research councils are aware of the requirement to have their papers published in journals that comply with the RCUK policy and are deemed 'suitable'. This requirement holds regardless of the sum of funding received or the number of unfunded co-authors of the paper.

RCUK policy can be summarised by the following decision tree:



All of the LMS journals and those managed by the LMS comply with the RCUK policy.

Bulletin of the London Mathematical Society
Journal of the London Mathematical Society
Proceedings of the London Mathematical Society
Compositio Mathematica
Journal of Topology
Mathematika

All of the above journals offer a paid open access option and will, on receipt of payment, allow your article to be freely available in final published form on our website, and permit reuse of the article under the CC-BY licence. Thus, they meet the conditions for 'gold' open access described in the RCUK policy.

In the event you apply for funding and you find your university is unable to pay the APC, your article will still be published by the journal and the publication of your paper will still be

compliant with RCUK policy. You may post any version up to the accepted version of your paper on the math arXiv at any time. You may also, if your funder insists, post the same version of your paper in an institutional repository.

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Transactions of the London Mathematical Society

The *Transactions* is a new, purely gold open access journal with an APC charge that is considerably lower than our established journals. The journal was set up with the intention of covering all possible options for mathematicians around the world and recognised that some universities and funders require authors not to publish in ‘hybrid’ journals which describes the other LMS journals. Because the journal’s external funding comes solely through paid open access at an introductory price well below the real cost of publication, and it does not require a library subscription, the journal does not offer to publish without payment of the fee and authors without funds are encouraged to submit instead to the *Bulletin*, *Journal* or *Proceedings of the London Mathematical Society* with which it shares an Editorial Advisory Board. Authors of *Transactions* papers may post any version of the paper they wish in an institutional repository.

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[†] <http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/media/news/2013news/Pages/130408.aspx>