Access to high quality information is absolutely essential for research

The open access (OA) movement seeks to bring about a more equitable scholarly communication system to benefit all researchers, enrich teaching and learning, effectively transfer new knowledge to industry or civil society, and enable wider public access to quality information.

Open access is also compatible with quality assurance and peer review. Nearly 1,000 open access journals are already indexed by Thomson Reuters Web of Knowledge. BioMed Central and PLoS titles are examples of open access journals that are achieving top journal impact factors.

What can the scientific community do to promote and accelerate the transition to open access publishing?

♦ Self archive your published work in an OA repository, and/or

♦ Publish in open access journals.

During International Open Access Week (24-28 October) the Library will be actively encouraging faculty to deposit previously published work in the UWC Research Repository.

For the first time we are also promoting publication in accredited open access journals. These are journals that attract DHET subsidy and which offer the greatest possible readership and visibility for UWC research. See OPPORTUNITY overleaf.

A-Z accredited Open Access journals

Discover accredited OA journals publishing in your field. Faculty-based lists of accredited open access journals are available from the Library website.

VISIT: http://lib.uwc.ac.za/ find accredited OA journals under the RESEARCH menu.
**More about OA Journals**

Open access journals distribute their content at no charge and use other means of funding the publication process. While many OA journals do not charge publication fees, **corporate publishers** typically levy Article Processing Charges (APCs) in order to cover costs. The overall cost of peer reviewing, distribution and archiving is expressed as a cost per article. These may range from $500 to $3000.

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**OPPORTUNITY: Library sponsors article charges for Open Access**

To mark International Open Access Week, the Library has set aside funding to support open access publishing.

If you are about to publish an article in a journal that offers open choice, the Library will sponsor associated costs.

Please complete this form and send to Allison Fullard, Deputy Director, Library Services (afullard@uwc.ac.za). You may contact her on x2923. **Closing date is 20 November 2011.**

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