



# ACM Open

## A New Era of Publishing

As of January 1, 2026, ACM journals, conference proceedings, and magazines are publishing Open Access, making research free for all to read and reuse.

### Why the change?

This change is primarily in response to calls from the computing community to provide open, barrier-free access to scientific knowledge. The transition to Open Access (OA) reflects both the community's own values and ACM's commitment to building a sustainable future for publishing. For you, it means your work can be discovered and cited by your peers globally – accelerating innovation across computing.

### ACM Open, our new publishing model, is:

- **Collaborative** – developed through consultation with libraries, funders, and researchers.
- **Sustainable** – built to support the existing editorial quality and integrity that is vital to the field.
- **Strategic** – created to serve the long-term interests of the computer science field.

### What does this mean for you?

Open Access means your article is freely available to read, increasing visibility, impact and citations.

- **Greater reach and recognition:** OA articles in the Digital Library receive 2–3x more downloads and about 70% more citations than paywalled articles.
- **You keep control:** Authors retain copyright when publishing with ACM and have the choice of selecting a CC-BY or CC-BY-NC-ND license.
- **Meet funder requirements:** Publishing OA ensures you are compliant with most major funder mandates.

## What's changed?

- All articles accepted for publication from January 1, 2026, are published open access.
- If your paper is accepted for publication in a 2026 ACM-sponsored conference, even if you submitted it in 2025, it will be published open access.

**All our editorial standards remain unchanged – only access and licensing are different.**

## Ensure your institution benefits from ACM Open!

Encourage your institution to participate in ACM Open, **talk to your library today.**

## Cost and funding

You can publish OA at no cost if:

- A co-author is affiliated with an ACM Open institution.
- A co-author is affiliated with an institution in a World Bank low-income country.
- A co-author is based in a country covered by ACM's agreements with EIFL or Research4Life.

**For all other APC-eligible publications, an Article Processing Charge (APC) will be required.**

## ACM has introduced a temporary subsidy for 2026

To support a smooth and fair transition while more institutions complete their move to ACM Open, ACM has introduced a temporary APC subsidy for 2026. This subsidized pricing, funded by the ACM, will significantly reduce the cost for authors not yet covered by ACM Open. Even at our standard rates, ACM's APCs are among the most competitive in the field, scan the QR code below to view current pricing.



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