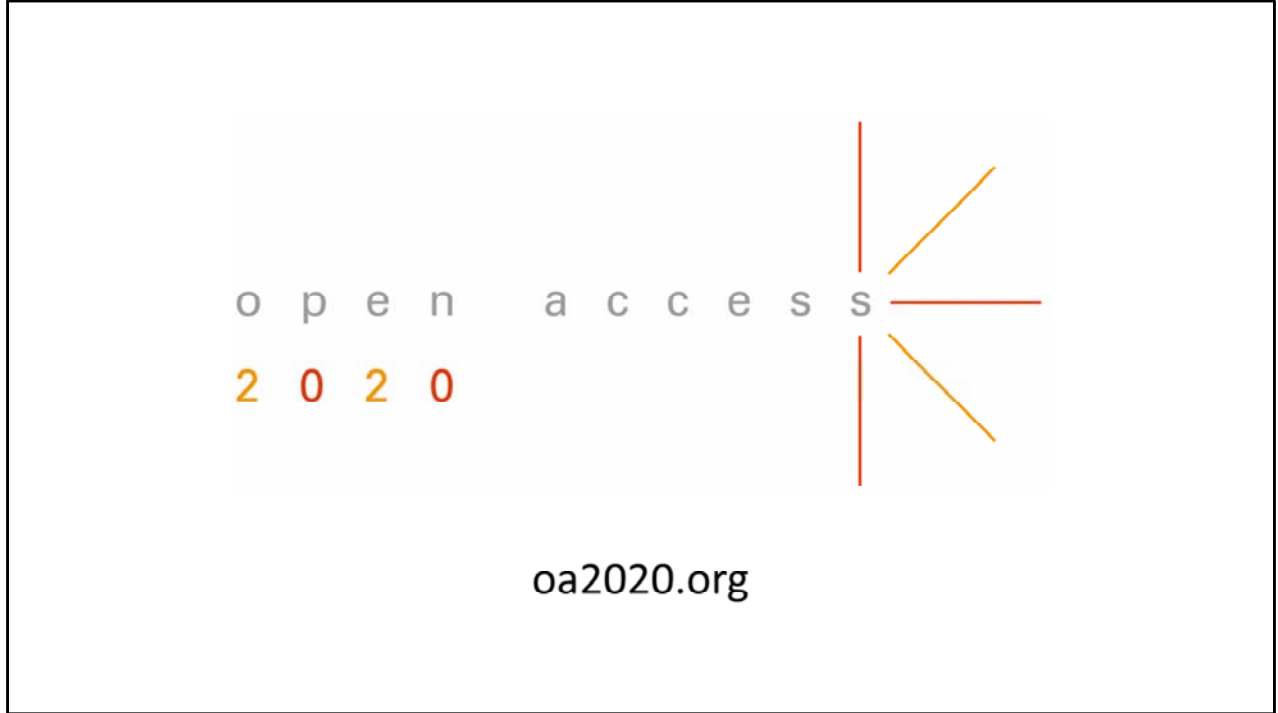


The OA2020 Expression of Interest

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OA2020 is an international initiative that supports institutions committed to making a large-scale shift toward open access to the scholarly journal literature. It was launched by the Max Planck Digital Library in Germany, which aims to foster “large-scale implementation of free online access to, and largely unrestricted use and re-use of[,] scholarly research articles[,]” by the year 2020. Now that’s a very ambitious goal! How do they aim to do that?



Expression of Interest in the Large-scale Implementation of Open Access to Scholarly Journals

Building on the Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities and on the progress that has been achieved so far, we are pursuing the large-scale implementation of free online access to, and largely unrestricted use and re-use of scholarly research articles.

We recognize and endorse various ways of implementing open access (OA), including the development of new OA publishing platforms, archives and repositories. In scholarly journal publishing, OA has gained a substantial and increasing volume. Most journals, however, are still based on the subscription business model with its inherent deficiencies in terms of access, cost-efficiency, transparency, and restrictions of use.

To gain the full benefits of OA and enable a smooth, swift and scholarly oriented transition, the existing corpus of scholarly journals should be converted from subscription to open access. Recent developments and studies indicate that this transition process can be realized within the framework of currently available resources.

With this statement, we express our interest in establishing an international initiative for the OA transformation of scholarly journals, and we agree upon the following key aspects:

They are leading an effort to recruit other institutions to sign a non-binding “expression of interest” by which these institutions pledge to make a good-faith effort to devise and implement practical strategies and actions for transitioning their funding for subscribing to journals to supporting open access. What sort of support are we talking about?

PATHWAYS TO OPEN ACCESS

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The OA2020 initiative leaves this up to each signatory institution, though they give some pointers to possible approaches and examples of “roadmaps” adopted by various groups around the world.

Helpfully, though, the University of California Libraries, operating at a system-wide level, have analyzed the various approaches to and models for achieving open access through action by libraries and have published something called *Pathways to Open Access*, which includes an executive summary, a full report, and a chart summarizing approaches, strategies, and next steps. Examples include things you’re probably familiar with, like offering an institutional repository, hosting local journals, or paying APCs for affiliated authors, to approaches that are a bit newer, like supporting outside OA publishers directly and contributing to community-controlled infrastructure. A few sections are specific to the University of California, but most apply to any academic library.

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In fact, the UC Libraries are offering a free two-day workshop in October called “Choosing Pathways to OA” designed to help library and consortium leaders work out plans for implementing a commitment to open access akin to that in the OA2020 Expression of Interest. Registration has reached capacity, but they’re maintain a waitlist in case of cancellations.

oa2020.us



Besides the support provided by the University of California Libraries, you can also visit oa2020.us, the website for a working group of US institutions that have signed the OA2020 Expression of Interest. Among other resources, the website includes information on how the advocates on campus have achieved buy-in on campus from faculty and administrators for joining OA2020. The group holds monthly web conferences and has an email list for sharing information and collaborating.

As you can see, UNT has signed the Expression of Interest.

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You're welcome to contact me with questions about UNT's participation.