

## Research Services and Ethics Office Publications Fund

**Purpose:** To support the publishing of scholarly and creative works of University of Saskatchewan faculty as well as to assist in supporting scholarly journals on campus.

**Value:** An applicant can submit one request in either of the following categories:

- up to \$1,000\* to assist in *Publishing costs*; or
- up to \$5,000 for a formal *Book Publication Subvention*;
- *Learned Journal Subsidy* of up to \$3,500 per year for up to a five year term.

*\*Note: when funding is available to do so, the maximum allocation for publishing costs for journal articles will be increased to \$1,500.*

**Deadline:** May 1, September 1 & January 1  
*If this date lands on a weekend or holiday, the deadline will be the next working day.*

If there are insufficient funds to award all eligible requests, funding may be prorated across eligible applications for the current competition. Subsequent competitions may be cancelled for that fiscal year.

**Timeframe:** Funds must be expended within 12 months from the date of the competition  
*Any unused funds remaining at the end of the term will be recalled. Requests for extensions are not normally granted.*

**Eligibility:** Tenured or tenure-track University of Saskatchewan faculty members (excluding adjunct and emeritus) as well as University of Saskatchewan Professional Librarians are eligible to apply. Faculty in term positions are eligible but at a lower priority.

Only one application per applicant per fiscal year will be accepted.  
Only one scholarly and creative work can be requested for support per fiscal year.

A higher priority will be given to:

- applicants who have never received support previously;
- new faculty, within the first five years of their appointment;
- articles published in open access publishing venues, to align with the University of Saskatchewan's commitment to improving access to publicly funded research.

**Procedure to Apply:** Application forms can be downloaded on the Research webpage under [Internal Funding Programs](#).

Complete application forms are to be submitted through [UnivRS](#). Paper applications will not be accepted.

Notifications of decision will be sent by email.

**Eligible  
Expenditures:**

**Publication costs** associated with the direct act or process of publishing are eligible, but all requests must be accompanied by a copy of the receipt or invoice from the publisher outlining the costs associated with the following:

- **Journal Article** publishing costs related to: page charges, reproduction of colour prints, and open access fees.
- **Book Publication Subventions** will only be considered if the application includes an explanation for how the funds requested will be utilized, and a letter from the publisher indicating the detailed budget for the book. Requests for publishing subventions without a copy of an agreement to publish will not be funded.
- **Conference Proceedings** will be considered if: the conference was held at the University of Saskatchewan; the conference proceedings are published externally; and papers are peer reviewed.
- **Other Scholarly and Creative Works** including: art catalogues and collections for which the applicant is the artist or senior editor; non-print media such as the production of a film/video or the production of a master recording; digital/electronic media such as the digitalization of collections defined such that all of the content of the entire collection is freely available online; literary works such as a poem, play, or screen play; and publication of a composition of music.

**Learned Journal Subsidy:** journal operational costs will be supported up to a maximum of five years. Requests must be accompanied by: a detailed budget for the journal; information on sources of support provided by external institutions; information on sources of support provided by external funding agencies such as the Tri-Agencies; and a statement on how funds requested will be utilized.

**Ineligible  
Expenditures:**

- Reimbursement for costs incurred prior to 12 months from the competition deadline;
- Preparation costs;
- Journal reprint costs;
- Non-refereed publications such as in-house publications, newsletters, and other personally self-published works;
- Professional development or the creation of teaching curriculum;
- Honoraria for authors or editors;
- In instances where the scholarly bona fides of the chosen publishing venue has been called into question by reputable sources, for example listed on *Predatory Publishers* on the University Library webpage: <http://libguides.usask.ca/predatorypublishers>  
Characteristics of *vanity presses* and *predatory publishers* include:
  - spam sent to professional email lists to solicit articles and editors
  - basically no rejections and large numbers of journal titles in their portfolio
  - articles published without complete author approval
  - articles published before payment terms are agreed
  - errors introduced after proof-reading
  - papers published without peer-review

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