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Baseline conditions:

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 - American Chemical Society (ACS),
 - Institute of Physics (IoP),
 - Springer Nature (Springer),
 - Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC),
 - Wiley.
- Benefits are only available to **corresponding authors** who have indicated UPCE affiliation.
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ACS	No limitations	Gold OA and hybrid journals	CzechELib	Instructions for authors
IOP	No limitations	Gold OA and hybrid journals with exceptions	N/A	Instructions for authors
RSC	No limitations	Gold OA and hybrid journals	N/A	Instructions for authors
Springer	9 tokens	Hybrid journals (does not include BioMed Central, Springer Open, Scientific Reports, Nature Communications)	UL UPCE	Instructions for authors
Wiley	22 tokens	Hybrid journals	UL UPCE	Instructions for authors

Criterion for allocation of OA tokens by ACS publishers (allocated by CzechELib)

1. "FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE"

Tokens are allocated centrally by CzechELib. Tokens can be used in gold OA and hybrid journals.

When submitting a manuscript, the author chooses his/her institution. We strongly recommend the use of an institutional e-mail address (serves for NTK/CzechELib at a later stage to check author eligibility).

Upon acceptance, the author is informed in the Journal Publishing Agreement Assistant that his/her institution is party to an agreement with the ACS to publish in Open Access mode. Here the author selects "Yes, I wish to publish open access as per the agreement" (if he/she wishes to publish in Open Access mode).

Cumulative UPCE criteria for allocation of OA tokens from Springer and Wiley (allocated by University Library of the UPCE)

1. **QUALITY Q1 + Q2** - a token will only be allocated for publishing an article in a journal indexed in a Web of Science database. Journal must be in the first or second quartile according to the Article Influence Score (AIS) in one FORD field at least. If there are no values for quartile calculation according to the AIS in FORD field, journal must be in the first or second quartile according to the AIS in one Web of Science field at least.
2. If a journal is not indexed in a Web of Science database, but it is indexed in a Scopus database, the journal must be in the first or second quartile according to the SCImago Journal Ranking (SJR) in one FORD field at least.

You can find out the journal's quartile in the [PowerBI application](#).

3. **INSTITUTIONAL FUNDING** - a token will only be allocated for the publication of an article that is the result of research funded by the UPCE budget (the article has not secured APC fee funding from other sources such as a project or grant).
4. **"FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE"** - upon meeting the above two criteria, the token will be allocated to the author who submits an application in the publisher's system first.

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Further information on OA publishing, including a list of eligible journals

<https://knihovna.upce.cz/en/uk/open-science/oa>

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