



Terms for consideration for papers submitted for inclusion in a PLOS Special Collection

Purpose

The purpose of this document is to set out the terms under which PLOS will consider papers for publication when submitted for potential inclusion in a PLOS Special Collection.

Terms

Papers to be submitted by partners for inclusion in a Collection should be proposed in advance by means of a list of papers and an overview of the Collection.

Papers submitted to PLOS for inclusion in a Collection will undergo the same rigorous peer review as any paper submitted as a standalone article to one of the PLOS journals.

PLOS remains under no obligation to publish any of the papers submitted for inclusion in a Collection. The outcome of peer review can be publication, referral to a different PLOS journal or rejection.

Papers may be published in the journal to which they were originally submitted or, in the case of Research Articles and with the agreement of the author, they may be transferred to another PLOS journal, and reviewed and published there. Papers may be held for simultaneous publication on agreement between PLOS and Collection partners.

If more than 4 papers are published as part of or to comprise a collection, the papers will be collated on a PLOS Collection page (see collections.plos.org). PLOS Collections team may promote the publication of the Collection via press release, blogs and/or social media.

Due to the nature of peer review, PLOS cannot guarantee publication dates ahead of submission but advise that publication of completed Collections are usually published within 8 months of the final submission to the Collection.

Any potential competing interest held by any of the submitting authors must be stated on submission. PLOS reserves the right to withdraw papers from inclusion in a Collection due to any competing interest held by the authors.

Financial Obligations

All papers that are submitted for inclusion in a Special Collection will be charged the Article Processing Charge of the relevant journal of publication plus a Collection Surcharge on publication. The publication charges per accepted paper will be:

Journal	Article Processing Charge	Collection Surcharge	Total charge per paper
PLOS Biology	\$3000	\$1000	\$4000
PLOS Medicine	\$3000	\$1000	\$4000
PLOS Computational Biology	\$2350	\$750	\$3100
PLOS Genetics	\$2350	\$750	\$3100
PLOS Pathogens	\$2350	\$750	\$3100
PLOS Neglected Tropical Diseases	\$2350	\$750	\$3100
PLOS ONE	\$1595	\$500	\$2095

Papers submitted to PLOS for inclusion in a Collection are not eligible for publication fee assistance (formerly called “waivers”).

PLOS reserves the right to remove a Collection Page if payment is not received after 45 days for the papers indexed on that page.

Print Copies

PLOS is able to facilitate the provision of print copies of a Collection, but this would entail a separate charge that would be discussed when a Collection publication date can be ascertained.