

POLICY: OPEN SCIENCE

ALS Society of Canada strongly encourages researchers to publish their work in open-access format, but this is not a requirement for ALS Canada, nor will ALS Canada subsidize fees for open-access publishing. Inclusion of open-access publication fees may be incorporated into operating fund budgets of ALS Canada grant applications.

ALS Canada understands the importance of widely available and accessible research, but similarly recognizes the importance of publishing in respected, broadly read journals and is most in favor of results being disseminated in whatever way best facilitates global incorporation of the knowledge into the collective drive towards understanding the disease and developing new therapeutics. Open access is encouraged, as it will allow for broader dissemination of knowledge, with the potential of increasing the impact of the research results that are shared. Moving toward open access is a way to increase transparency, accountability, and equity.

Publishing work in preprints is also encouraged for these same reasons.

As an encouragement to Open Access publishing, please refer to the resources below. Pertaining to open access publishing fees, if applicable, researchers are encouraged to inquire with their host institution about eligibility for open access support and waivers for article-processing charges.

- [Government of Canada Open Access ToolBox](#)
- [DOAJ](#)
- [PLOS](#)
- [Elsevier Open Access](#)
- [BioRxiv](#)
- [PubMed Central](#)