



Leading Nonprofit Science Publisher, Annual Reviews to Offer 2023 Journal Volumes Open Access under the Subscribe to Open (S2O) Business Model

(San Mateo, CA, USA, April 6, 2022) —This week, the leading nonprofit publisher [Annual Reviews](#) announced that over the next 18 months they will work to make their entire 2023 portfolio of 51 academic journals open access under a new model called [Subscribe to Open](#). These highly cited journals cover topics across the sciences, including astronomy, environmental science, genomics, marine science, public health, and sociology.

Last year, Annual Reviews published 1,200 articles that synthesized and integrated information from more than 144,000 individual research publications. “Each article is a treasure trove of knowledge that captures the current understanding of a topic and helps map out the future of science,” said Annual Reviews President and Editor-in-Chief Richard Gallagher. “By making them available to all academics and students, wherever they live and work, and also to a broader audience of policy makers and activists, corporations and workers, doctors and patients, we can contribute to more rapid and inclusive societal progress based on research.”

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Curtis Brundy, Associate University Librarian for Scholarly Communications and Collections at Iowa State University, said “The Subscribe to Open model allows libraries to align their collection spending with their values. It offers equity for authors and for readers. Open models that utilize article processing charges erect barriers in front of authors who are unable to pay. Subscribe to Open elegantly avoids this issue, providing an equitable solution to all.”

In a pilot, the *Annual Review of Public Health—2022* volume published today—has seen usage increase eight-fold in comparison to usage under toll access. In 2020, in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, Annual Reviews temporarily opened access to all of its titles. Substantial increases in readership, typically more than four-fold, were seen across all journals. It was these practical impacts that compelled the company to move forward in implementing Subscribe to Open across all titles.

Randy Schekman, Nobel Laureate and professor of molecular and cell biology at the University of California, Berkeley, said “The transition of Annual Reviews to a full open access model will greatly benefit scholars around the world. As a former Editor of an Annual Review journal and

as an advocate of open access in my role as the founding Editor of *eLife*, I am delighted that their full range of scholarship will be available to all."

Ashok Gadgil, Faculty Senior Scientist, Energy Technologies Area at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and Co-Editor of the *Annual Review of Environment and Resources* (already piloting open access through Subscribe to Open), said "Now the *Annual Review of Environment and Resources'* cutting-edge reviews on the biggest issues facing our planet—and our species—is available for free to anyone, anywhere. It offers everyone the chance to deeply understand our shared challenges from a politically neutral perspective that is rigorously grounded in the best science."

This news was shared with customers during an event on April 5, 2022, at 9.00am PDT time. Panel participants included:

- Curtis Brundy, Associate University Librarian for Scholarly Communications and Collections at Iowa State University
- Tracey L Meares, Walton Hale Hamilton Professor of Law at Yale University and Founding Director of The Justice Collaboratory
- Richard Gallagher, President and Editor-in-Chief of Annual Reviews

The panel was moderated by Virginia Steele, University Librarian at UCLA. A video of the panel is [available now](#).

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