



Public Knowledge Project

Open infrastructure for innovative open access publishing

Public Knowledge Project, explained:

The Public Knowledge Project (PKP) is a university research and development initiative that develops open source (free) software, provides support services and learning opportunities, and conducts research, all with an eye to improving the quality and reach of scholarly publishing. PKP is best known for creating and maintaining Open Journal Systems (OJS), one of the world's leading journal publishing platforms, as well as Open Monograph Press and, soon, preprint server software.

OJS has been developed in close association with an international community of scholars, librarians, and software developers who turn to OJS for a professional quality publishing platform, and who contribute back to it with code, translations, and other support. OJS has evolved into a major contributor to open access (OA). To sustain PKP, it needs to build out and market its PKP Publishing Services, as this unit has shown the potential to be a reliable revenue source, capable of cross-subsidizing the development of open source software and infrastructure.

Whether your institution uses PKP software or not for faculty, student, and/or course journals, SCOSS encourages you to support PKP's efforts on behalf of open access. With more than 9,000 journals actively using OJS, this investment in PKP's future, is a vital step in sustaining the growth of OA around the world.

Why has it been deemed essential infrastructure?

PKP is widely known as a provider of open source publishing software, powering thousands of journals worldwide. SCOSS selected PKP due to its ambition to scale up its hosting and publishing services to cross-subsidise the development of its open source software and infrastructure thereby helping sustain and develop this innovative scholarly publishing infrastructure.

SCOSS funding target:

Operational funding for 3 years: € 734,647

How you can help?

You can help by committing to help fund the PKP infrastructure. We recommend that you pledge an annual donation for a period of three years, as shown in the table below, in which funding levels vary according to the size and type of the organisation. Pledging for the full term of three years will provide the service with a secure financial foundation on its path to complete financial sustainability. Your pledge can either be paid in one lump sum, up-front, or on an annual basis.

Financial transactions will take place directly between the funding organisation and the service provider, and not via SCOSS. Organisations wishing to support PKP should contact them directly at kstranac@sfu.ca.

Donation levels

Organisation Size	Annual contribution Level
Large orgs from high income countries	4,000 euros
Small orgs from high-income countries	2,000 euros
Funding orgs	8,000 euros
National or regional governments and international orgs	5,000 euros
Orgs from low- and middle- income countries; small non-profits; orgs with smaller budgets	500 euros

A 25% discount will be deducted from the individual contributions made by members of consortia of 10 or more organisations.

More information

PKP website: <https://pkp.sfu.ca/>
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PKP SCOSS Application Form: <https://sparceurope.org/download/7902/>
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