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PUBLISHING SERVICES ORDER FORM

Customer Name:	Maynooth University (acting on behalf of itself and the institutions listed in APPENDIX B)
Customer Street Address:	IREL, Maynooth University, Maynooth, Co. Kildare, W23 VP22, Ireland
Effective Date:	01.01.2025
Term:	Jan 01, 2025 – Dec 31, 2025 (1 year)
Grand Total Annual Fee:	\$265,879

1. Applicable Terms. This Order Form is governed by PLOS’ Master Publishing Terms of Service (“Service Terms”) as they appear on the PLOS Terms of Service page: <https://plos.org/terms-of-service/> Capitalized terms used in this Order Form have the same meaning they do in the Service Terms.
2. Services & Fees. Customer agrees to receive and pay for the service(s) set forth below. By checking the box next to a service, Customer will be bound by the terms applicable to that service and the general terms in the Service Terms. Except for PLOS’ Annual Flat Fee publishing service which applies to all Participating Journals collectively, PLOS will provide Customer with services only for those journal(s) selected below. The annual fee payable to PLOS in exchange for services is listed below. If Customer selects Global Equity publishing, it may voluntarily make an Equity Contribution to a Participating Journal. The Equity Contribution, if any, is reflected below.

SERVICE	ANNUAL FEE 2025
Annual Flat Fee× About page <u>Participating Journals</u> PLOS Digital Health PLOS ONE PLOS Computational Biology PLOS Pathogens PLOS Neglected Tropical Diseases PLOS Genetics PLOS Complex Systems	\$265,879

3. Consortium Customers Only.
 - 3.1 Covered Authors. This Order Form will cover Authors from the academic institutions listed on **Appendix B** attached hereto.
 - 3.2 Community Action Publishing. _____ (check only if applicable) Consortium will pay the annual fee through one invoice on behalf of all consortium member institutions and is therefore eligible to receive a one percent (1%) discount on the annual fee payable to PLOS.

Accepted and agreed to by:

REDACTED

Customer Reporting Contact Information (for [monthly reports](#) – if different from above)

Please see appendix B

APPENDIX A

MASTER PUBLISHING TERMS OF SERVICE

This Master Publishing Terms of Service governs PLOS' services to institutions and consortia ("Customer") to enable authors to publish with PLOS on an unlimited basis each year in exchange for one annual payment to PLOS. The types of services offered by PLOS and the journals to which they apply ("Participating Journals") are set forth in the PLOS Publishing Service Order Form between the parties ("PLOS Order Form"). The applicable terms are set forth below and are made part of the PLOS Order Form.

1. ANNUAL FLAT FEE TERMS

- 1.1 Customer agrees to pay PLOS an upfront annual fee each year for PLOS' review and publication of research articles by corresponding authors employed by or affiliated with Customer ("Authors") on articles accepted for publication within the Agreement Term in Participating Journals selected in the PLOS Order Form, regardless of the number of articles from corresponding authors accepted by PLOS during the Term. The annual fee to be paid by Customer is set forth in the PLOS Order Form.
- 1.2 Customer will pay PLOS the annual fee for year 1 within ten (10) days of the Effective Date. Thereafter, Customer will pay the annual fee in full in the manner identified on PLOS' invoice within thirty (30) days of the invoice date.
- 1.3 Customer will not be entitled to a prorated refund of the annual fee in the event of early termination of this agreement.
- 1.4 Within sixty (60) days prior to the termination date, the parties will discuss a renewal and whether the annual fee should change for the renewal term based on historical acceptance rates of Author manuscripts. If the parties agree that the amount should change, the parties will enter into an amendment to this agreement to reflect the new agreed-upon renewal term and fee.

2. GENERAL TERMS - APPLICABLE TO ALL SERVICES

- 2.1 **Reports.** PLOS will provide Customer access to monthly accepted publications reports and, upon request, COUNTER data from Participating Journals. The monthly publications reports will show the name of the Author, the manuscript submission date, the journal title, the article title, and journal ISSN. Customer will notify PLOS in writing within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the report of any incorrect information or discrepancy in the report, and absent such notification will be deemed to have accepted the monthly report as correct.
- 2.2 **Effective Date.** This effective date of this agreement shall be the date indicated in the PLOS Order Form ("Effective Date"). The terms of this agreement will apply to manuscripts accepted by PLOS during the Term, beginning on the Effective Date.
- 2.3 **Term.** The term of this agreement shall be the term indicated in the PLOS Order Form ("Term").
- 2.4 **Termination.** Either party may terminate this agreement: (1) for cause due to the other party's material breach if such breach remains uncured thirty (30) days after written notice of the breach is given by the party claiming the breach. A termination for cause shall be effective three (3) days after written notice of such termination is given; or (2) with immediate effect from the date of written notice if the other party (a) files for bankruptcy protection or makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors, (b) is the subject of an order made for the winding up of its operations, (c) becomes subject to an administration order or a receiver or trustee, (d) becomes insolvent, or (e) ceases to do business or threatens to cease to do

business. Except as expressly provided for herein, the parties' respective rights and obligations under this agreement end immediately upon termination.

- 2.5 Currency.** All amounts reflected in a PLOS Order Form and attachments are in United States dollars.
- 2.6 Severability.** If any part of this agreement is found to be unreasonable, invalid or unlawful under any enactment or rule of law, the court shall have the power to strike out or override that part whether it be an entire clause or clauses or some part or parts thereof and enforce this agreement as if the offending part or parts had not been included.
- 2.7 Amendments; Waivers.** No amendment or alteration of this agreement shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by a duly authorized representative of both parties. The waiver by either party of its rights regarding any breach of any provision(s) of this agreement shall not be taken or held to be a waiver of such rights with respect to any other or subsequent breach thereof.
- 2.8 Entire Agreement.** This agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties. Other than as expressly stated otherwise in this agreement neither party shall be under any liability for any representations made prior to or during the operation of this agreement.
- 2.9 Governing Law; Venue.** This agreement shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California, and any legal action between the parties relating to this agreement must be brought and filed in San Francisco, California.
- 2.10 Assignment.** Neither party may assign its rights or obligations under this agreement to another person or entity without the written consent of the other party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. No consent shall be necessary in the event of an acquisition of substantially all of the assets of a party. Subject to the foregoing, this agreement will bind and inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the parties, their respective successors, and permitted assigns.
- 2.11 Force Majeure.** Neither party shall be liable to the other for performance rendered impossible due to circumstances beyond the control of the party, such as acts of God, war, government regulations, disaster, strikes (except those involving the employees or agents of the party seeking the protection of this clause), or civil disorder. The ability to terminate this agreement without liability pursuant to this paragraph is conditioned upon delivery of written notice to the other party setting forth the basis for such termination as soon as reasonably practical - but in no event longer than ten (10) days - after learning of such basis.
- 2.12 Authority to Sign.** Each person signing the PLOS Order Form represents and warrants that they have complete authority to legally bind the party on whose behalf he/she is signing to the terms of this agreement. A signed copy of this Agreement by facsimile, email or other means of electronic transmission shall be deemed to have the same legal effect as delivery of an original executed copy of this Agreement for all purposes.
- 2.13 Website Accessibility.** PLOS acknowledges the importance of website accessibility and will engage in conversations on this topic with Customer throughout the Term. PLOS shall use reasonable efforts to conform to the accessibility requirements of Web Accessibility Initiative, Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 at level AA. PLOS and the Customer have the right to access or post the content on other websites or platforms in order to comply with applicable law.
- 2.14 Antidiscrimination in the Workplace.** The parties represent that they comply with any applicable laws prohibiting workplace discrimination.

3 Additional Terms.

- 3.1 For clarity, when Customers receive monthly publication reports (as per 2.1), the Customer may notify PLOS within fourteen days of any articles where they do not deem the corresponding author to be employed by or affiliated with the Customer. In such cases, the article will be excluded from the Annual Flat Fee Terms (as per 1.1).
- 3.2 The following sections are omitted:
 2.1.4 Antidiscrimination in the Workplace.

APPENDIX B

List of Academic Institutions and contact details:

	<u>Institution Name English</u>	<u>Institution Name Local Language</u>	<u>Ringgold ID</u>	<u>Contact for montly reports (Name)</u>	<u>Contact for monthly reports (Title; Email)</u>
1.	<u>University College Cork</u>	<u>University College Cork</u>	<u>8795</u>	REDACTED	REDACTED
2.	<u>University College Dublin</u>	<u>University College Dublin</u>	<u>8797</u>	REDACTED	REDACTED
3.	<u>Maynooth University</u>	<u>Maynooth University</u>	<u>8798</u>	REDACTED	REDACTED
4.	<u>NUI Galway / University of Galway</u>	<u>NUI Galway / University of Galway</u>	<u>8799</u>	REDACTED	REDACTED
5	<u>University of Limerick</u>	<u>University of Limerick</u>	<u>8808</u>	REDACTED	REDACTED
6	<u>Trinity College Dublin</u>	<u>Trinity College Dublin</u>	<u>8809</u>	REDACTED	REDACTED
7	<u>Dublin City University</u>	<u>Dublin City University</u>	<u>8818</u>	REDACTED	REDACTED
8	<u>Technological University Dublin</u>	<u>Technological University Dublin</u>	<u>8819</u>	REDACTED	REDACTED
9	<u>South East Technological University</u>	<u>South East Technological University</u>	<u>8807</u>	REDACTED	REDACTED
10	<u>Technological University of the Shannon: Midlands Midwest</u>	<u>Technological University of the Shannon: Midlands Midwest</u>	<u>8810</u>	REDACTED	REDACTED
11	<u>Atlantic Technological University</u>	<u>Atlantic Technological University</u>	<u>8811</u>	REDACTED	REDACTED
12	<u>Dundalk Institute of Technology</u>	<u>Dundalk Institute of Technology</u>	<u>8817</u>	REDACTED	REDACTED
13	<u>Institute of Art Design and Technology/Dun</u>	<u>Institute of Art Design and Technology/Dun</u>	<u>8832</u>	REDACTED	REDACTED

	<u>Laoghaire Institute of Art Design and Technology</u>	<u>Laoghaire Institute of Art Design and Technology</u>			
<u>14</u>	<u>Munster Technological University</u>	<u>Munster Technological University</u>	<u>587895</u>	REDACTED	REDACTED



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