

# EPFL Library Financial Support for Open Access Conference Publication

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- Publication must be in a reputable peer-reviewed research venue with a formal proceedings. Workshops that do not produce a formal proceedings are excluded.
- Only fully open-access venues whose complete proceedings are posted online immediately as of the conference date, with no login requirements or other access restrictions, are eligible. Venues that offer a "hybrid" open-access model, in which authors may make individual papers open-access for an additional fee, are not eligible.
- The Open Access Fund will reimburse up to two-thirds of the conference registration costs of one author per paper published in an eligible venue, up to a maximum contribution of CHF 2,500 per publication.
- As per the [general conditions](#), funding support is limited to two publications per lab annually (for publications of any kind, conference or journal). Furthermore, a limited EPFL-wide pool of Open Access support funds will be dispensed annually on a "first-come first-served" basis based on the publication's acceptance date.

In practice, the above rules mean that USENIX venues that produce a formal proceedings are generally eligible, due [USENIX's blanket Open Access policy](#), while most ACM and IEEE publication venues are not eligible. However, certain ACM/IEEE conferences that have negotiated conference-wide open access policies without charging authors per-paper open access fees, such as [SOSP](#), are eligible. These rules were designed for consistency with the principles that already apply to support for open-access journal publication.

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