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College Guideline on Article Processing Charges (APC)

Effective Fall 2026

The Davidson College of Engineering will help fund the Article Processing Charges (APC) for faculty to publish in reputable, high-quality journals in their RSCA areas, subject to budget availability. Faculty members will be limited to one funded request (up to \$2000) per academic year if the request meets the following metrics.

A. Evaluation metrics:

1. Faculty submitting the APC request is either the first author or the corresponding author of the article.
2. Includes record of external proposal submissions as Primary Investigator (or Co-PI) in the last two years and includes the APC in the proposal budget.
3. Includes a brief analysis that states why comparable non-charging journals cannot be considered for publication and why this journal is really valuable to the discipline.
4. The journal is listed as Q1 or Q2 journal in the Journal Citation Reports (JCR) or the Scimago Journal & Country Rank (SCR) [report](#), in fields relevant to the faculty member's RSCA areas, including engineering education.
5. There will be no contributions for extra-pages fees.

B. Submission windows:

The APC requests are processed on a first-come first-served basis until the supporting budget is exhausted. The applications should be submitted by:

- February 1 for papers *accepted* during Oct. 1 – Jan. 31
- June 1 for papers *accepted* during Feb. 1 – May 31
- October 1 for papers *accepted* between June 1 – Sept 30