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Guidance for authors

Authors wishing to request an IANA APC waiver should follow the process below.

1) Check whether the corresponding author's institution has an OUP Read & Publish agreement, or another funding arrangement, that already permits publication in the relevant journal at no cost. IANA waivers are intended for authors who do not have access to such coverage.
2) If no free-publishing arrangement is available, submit a waiver request to IANA at info@iana.network before submitting the manuscript to the journal. The request should include:
    a) the manuscript title and target NAR-family journal;
    b) the corresponding author's name and institution;
    c) confirmation that no applicable Read & Publish agreement or equivalent funding is available;
    d) an explanation of the paper's relevance to IANA and its activities;
    e) the anticipated scientific, translational, community or societal impact; and
    f) any relevant equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) considerations, including financial, institutional or career-stage barriers to publication.
3) IANA will assess the request and decide whether to allocate one of the available waivers. Decisions will consider:
    a) the number of waivers remaining and the level of current or anticipated demand;
    b) the strength of the paper's relevance to IANA's aims, activities and community;
    c) relevant EDI considerations and whether the waiver would help address barriers to publication; and
    d) the paper's potential scientific, translational, community or societal impact.

Meeting the eligibility requirements does not guarantee that a waiver will be awarded.

4) If IANA approves the request, the applicant will receive written confirmation. At initial submission to the journal, the author should state in the cover letter:

    "This manuscript is affiliated with the Innovation Across Nucleic Acids (IANA) Network and has been approved by IANA for consideration for one of the APC waivers made available by Oxford University Press."

    The author should also notify the relevant journal's Editorial Office and provide the manuscript title, journal, corresponding author's name and institution, and IANA's approval confirmation.

5) IANA's approval is conditional upon the paper being accepted for publication and OUP completing its eligibility checks. Following acceptance, OUP will confirm whether the APC waiver can be applied.

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