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3. The Colors of Open Access

What do Colors in Open Access mean?

If you want to publish your publication Open Access, there are different models you can consider. These models are also called **colors**. Here are the most common models for you to know.

Green Open Access



- Publication via an repository or website
- Generally free of charge
- Publication can occur prior to, simultaneously with or after the publisher's publication

Gold Open Access



- First publication of a work in a Gold Open Access journal / book
- Involves the payment of Article Processing Charges (APCs), usually paid by the respective academic institution

Diamond Open Access



- Publication in mostly small journals
- Journals get funded
- Publication involves no APCs / BPCs
- Without any fees for authors or readers

Hybrid Open Access



- Publication in subscription-based journal / book
- Payment of APCs to make the publication accessible on the publisher's website upon initial release
- Rest of the journal's / book's content remains behind paywall

Bronze Open Access



- Freely accessible on publisher's server (mostly archives of subscription journals)
- Without clear reuse details

Black Open Access



- Illegal sharing of publications
- Via services such as SciHub

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