

Onemda OPEN ACCESS Scheme 2026

Eligibility

This scheme is open to Onemda academic/research staff (excluding Honorary staff) from levels A to C and PhD students who are a lead author on a publication and have affiliated the publication to Onemda.

As the funding available for this scheme is limited, priority is given to staff and students who have not received funding support from Onemda for other open access publication charges in the previous scheme round. Applications will also be assessed in relation to journal quality and potential impact of the published research. For this reason, please outline the journal quality, impact and other disciplinary/area factors related to journal choice.

Funding available

Onemda will consider applications for funding up to a **maximum of \$3,000**. Co-funding from other sources is encouraged.

Should the available funds be exceeded by application requests, applicants without other sources of funding or who have not received funding in previous Onemda funding rounds will be prioritized. Onemda will always aim to provide equal funding/support for staff and/or students from each Unit (with consideration for their size/staff numbers). Unit funds may need to be utilized in some cases.

Application Timing

Round	Applications Open	Applications Close
1	2 March 2026	30 April 2026
2	1 July 2026	31 Aug 2026

A third round may be offered in Oct 2026 if funds are available.

We understand that requests may fall outside the above timelines. Staff/students should aim to submit within these timeframes, however ad hoc applications may be considered.

Applications will be reviewed by the Onemda Director and the Research and Grants Committee.

Applications Process

Applicants should complete an application form and submit via email to Ruth Hentschel, Centre Administrator ruth.hentschel@unimelb.edu.au

Eligible publications are for Onemda lead author papers and can include:

- I. OA costs in relation to publications in 2026 (including reimbursement of already incurred costs)
- II. OA fees associated with currently under review or submitted publications which will be published in 2026 and which you will be able to be invoiced and make payment before the end of the year.
- III. Publications that have been published previously for which upgrading to an OA publication can be justified.

Allocation of Funds (if successful)

There are two options for allocation of funds after funds have been allocated:

1. Staff/Students pay the related costs personally and arrange reimbursement via Workday
2. Related costs are paid on UOM Purchasing Card

- For both options, Meg Cox (Centre Manager) will provide the Workday account details for coding the expenses.
- Please avoid paying expenses from existing project funds that require reimbursement to the project.
- All funds awarded must be spent/reimbursed by 31 December of the year they were awarded. Expenses cannot be paid for in the following budget year.

For further information please contact [Meg Cox](#) or Ruth Hentschel.