

Predatory Journals and Publishers Policy
College of Business, Bowling Green State University

Predatory journals and publishers are those that charge authors large page/publishing fees, provide few, if any, peer reviewer comments, accept most articles with little to no revisions, publish contingent only upon receipt of submission and/or other fees, publish monthly (or more often), or provide very short turnaround time from submission to publication. While page fees alone do not mean that a journal or publisher is predatory, cases where authors are told they can accelerate the review process by paying higher publication fees, or the publication fees vary depending on the number of authors on the publication should be considered predatory.

To limit the impact of predatory journals and publishers on the integrity of the scholarly mission of the College of Business at Bowling Green State University, the following policy shall apply:

1. No publication appearing in the Scholarly Open Access list of Individual Predatory Journals or list of Predatory Publishers shall be used to meet faculty qualifications as described in the Faculty Qualifications Policy (<http://guides.library.yale.edu/c.php?g=296124&p=1973764>).
2. No internal funds allocated to faculty by the College or the department for scholarly purposes can be used to pay publication fees in any journal on the Scholarly Open Access list of Individual Predatory Journals and Publishers.
3. Departmental and college committees responsible for determining the suitability of a research outlet for purposes of faculty qualifications, hiring, promotion, or tenure-related decisions are required to consult the Scholarly Open Access list of Individual Predatory Journals and Publishers when making evaluations about the scholarly publications.
4. The College will institute a “grandfathering-in policy”. Any paper accepted for publication or published before January 1, 2018, but within a 5-year period between the date the paper was accepted or published and the date when the paper is evaluated for the purpose of faculty qualifications, merit, APR, EPR or P&T, is exempted from this policy.

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