

Article Processing Charges (APCs) for *Science Advances* – How Authors Can Apply an Affiliation Discount

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Introduction

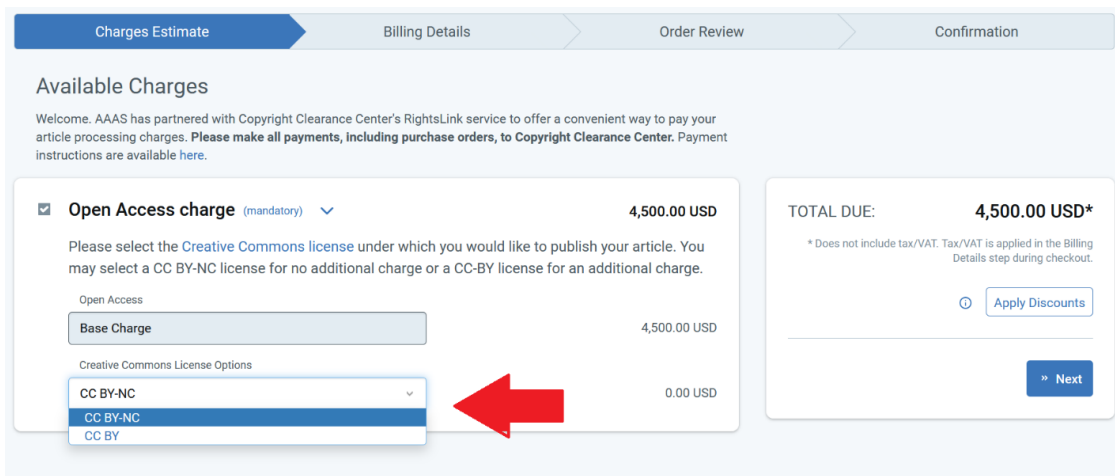
This document provides an overview for authors on how to apply an affiliation discount for *Science Advances*, the gold open access journal of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). Please note that *Science Advances* only offers affiliation discounts on APCs to authors affiliated with select institutions. (For more information about *Science Advances*, see: <https://advances.sciencemag.org/>.)

How To Apply An Affiliation Discount

1. **Locate the notification email.** Once a paper is accepted for publication, the corresponding author(s) will receive an email notifying them that their APC payment is due. This email will contain a link to the author charge page on RightsLink, the payment vendor's e-commerce platform.

Select a License

2. *Science Advances*' default setting is for a CC BY-NC license, but AAAS also offers a CC BY license. Authors should check with their funding body to see if they are required to publish under a CC BY license.



The screenshot shows the 'Charges Estimate' step of the payment process. The 'Available Charges' section lists the 'Open Access charge' as mandatory and 4,500.00 USD. Below this, the 'Creative Commons License Options' dropdown menu is open, showing 'CC BY-NC' as the selected option. A red arrow points to the 'CC BY-NC' option. To the right, the 'TOTAL DUE' is 4,500.00 USD*. An 'Apply Discounts' button is visible.

3. **Open the “Apply Discounts” window.** All discounts are applied through the Apply Discounts window. Click on the “Apply Discounts” button to open this window.

Charges Estimate | Billing Details | Order Review | Confirmation

Available Charges

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Charge	Amount
☒ Open Access charge (mandatory) ▼	4,500.00 USD
Please select the Creative Commons license under which you would like to publish your article. You may select a CC BY-NC license for no additional charge or a CC-BY license for an additional charge.	
Open Access	
Base Charge	4,500.00 USD
Creative Commons License Options	
CC BY-NC ▼	0.00 USD

TOTAL DUE: **4,500.00 USD***

* Does not include tax/VAT. Tax/VAT is applied in the Billing Details step during checkout.

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Select Institution. In order for the affiliation discount to correctly apply, the author must select the institution that has the agreement with AAAS that grants them access to journal content, rather than their particular department or sub-body. For example, the author would need to select “Learned University” rather than “Learned University. Department of Mathematics”.

- Once the author has located the appropriate institution name in the Affiliation Discount search box, which selects the correct name from the list of Ringgold identifiers, the author should click the blue “Apply Discounts” button. Depending on the author profile in AAAS’s manuscript submission system (CTS), there will sometimes already appear an institution in the affiliation discount field. The existing text may simply be deleted and replaced with the correct institution name.

Apply Discounts

Please review the fields below to ensure you receive all the discounts to which you are entitled. **When you are finished, click the orange "Apply Discounts" button.**

Country Discount: No Discount

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Select your country ▼

Membership Discount: No Discount

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Enter membership number

Affiliation Discount: No Discount

Your Institution's Ringgold Approved Name Is Shown Here.

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Anhui Academy of Agricultural Sciences

American Association of Ambulatory Surgery

[Enter](#) [Close](#) [Apply Discounts](#)

Confirmation of institutional eligibility. If the institution is eligible for a discount, the reduction in USD will appear instead of the “No discount” text.

5. If the institution is not eligible for a discount, the window will expressly state so, as indicated in the example below.

The screenshot shows a web interface for confirming an affiliation discount. On the left, under the heading "Affiliation Discount:", there is a text input field containing "American Association for the Advancement of Science". Above the field is the text "Your Institution's Ringgold Approved Name Is Shown Here." and below it is a link "Can't find your institution?". On the right, under the heading "No Discount", the text reads "This institution does not qualify for a discount".

6. **Proceed to payment.** Following application of the discount, the author can proceed to payment options by clicking on the blue “Next” button. This will present the option to create an account or sign in to an existing RightsLink account; the payment vendor’s e-commerce platform is separate from the manuscript submission system and requires its own set of credentials. The information entered in the RightsLink account will be used to populate the billing statement, including recipient name and location.
7. **Transaction completion.** Once the transaction is completed, the RightsLinks will confirm the completion of the order and payment.
 - a. If a credit card was used for payment, the author will encounter the screen below and will receive separate order confirmation and payment receipt emails.

The screenshot shows an "Order Confirmation" screen. On the left, a green checkmark is followed by the text "Thank you for your order!". Below this, it states "Your payment will process immediately. You will receive separate order confirmation and payment receipt emails." It also displays "Order number:" and "Order date:" followed by redacted information. At the bottom, there is a feedback link: "Tell us how we're doing! How was your experience? Click here to give us your feedback!". On the right, the "TOTAL DUE:" is shown as a redacted amount followed by "USD". Below this are links for "Terms and conditions", "Order Details", and a "Print Order" button.

- b. If an invoice was requested, the author will encounter the screen below and will receive the invoice via email within 24 hours of request.

The screenshot shows an "Order Confirmation" screen, similar to the previous one but for an invoice request. It features the same "Thank you for your order!" message and feedback link. However, the text below the message states: "Your invoice will be sent to you within 24 hours. Payment instructions will be located on the last page of your invoice." It also displays "Order number:", "Order reference number:", and "Order date:" followed by redacted information. The right side of the screen, including the "TOTAL DUE:" and "Print Order" button, is identical to the previous screenshot.