Your Open Access Options

**Gold route:**
Choose the gold route if you want to publish the article in a journal which makes the full text freely available to readers immediately after publication.

**Green route:**
Choose the green route if you want to deposit a copy of the full text in an open access repository.

### Determine your eligibility for our open access reimbursement scheme

Did the project end within the last 24 months?

- **Yes:**
  - Is the paper an original primary research article directly relating to a grant funded by Prostate Cancer UK?
    - **Yes:**
      - Only grants which are still active or ended within the previous 24 months are eligible.
    - **No:**
      - You will need to speak to your research funder and identify their open access policy.
  - **No:**
      - **Yes:**
      - **No:**
        - Is the journal fully open access?
          - **Yes:**
            - Does the journal have an open access option?
              - **Yes:**
                - Unfortunately we can only cover the open access costs for primary research articles.
              - **No:**
                - You have two options: Option 1: Consider publishing via the Green Route.
                  - Option 2: Consider publishing in another journal which is fully open access or has an open access option.
          - **No:**
            - Is the research funded by multiple funders?
              - **Yes:**
                - Where multiple funders are acknowledged, please ensure that the publication fees are evenly shared between the relevant parties.
              - **No:**
                - Have Prostate Cancer UK been acknowledged in the manuscript?
                  - **Yes:**
                    - In all outputs arising from Prostate Cancer UK funded work researchers must acknowledge our financial support. The requested format can be found in our guidance.
                  - **No:**
                    - Has the acknowledgement been checked in the manuscript by Prostate Cancer UK?
                      - **Yes:**
                        - Send your manuscript to us before it is published, so we can confirm the acknowledgement of funding is correct.
                      - **No:**
                        - Has the paper been licenced using a Creative Commons Attribution licence (CC-BY)?
                          - **Yes:**
                            - We will only reimburse article processing charges if the authors and publishers have licensed papers using a Creative Commons Attribution licence (CC-BY). This means that the research papers can be reused, shared and copies can be made, whilst also making sure the author is attributed.
                          - **No:**
                            - You can submit your application to the Prostate Cancer UK open access reimbursement scheme.

If you need any further guidance, contact the team at research@prostatecanceruk.org.

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