

Overview of RLSC and Author Process



High Level OA Workflow for Authors

Step 1 Paper Submission & Peer Review



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Step 3 RightsLink for Scientific Communications (RLSC)



1. Author requests APC funding (skip in TouchFree)
2. Funding is approved/denied from institution within RLSC portal
3. Author receives confirmation on funding request approval/denial
4. If denied, author can pay by invoice

Step 2 IEEE Electronic Copyright Form

Step 4 Publication on IEEE Xplore



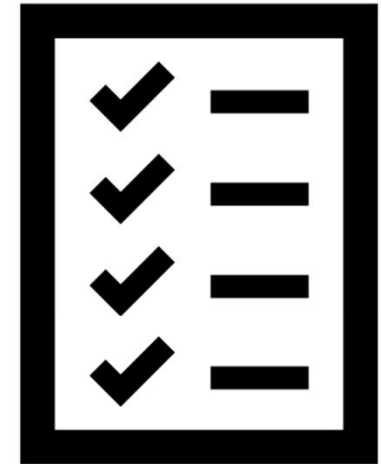
- APC usage is tracked in CCC RLSC for all active profiles
- APC reporting is done on a monthly basis
- Contact onlinesupport@ieee.org for specific questions or changes to existing profiles
- Quick videos that show an overview of RLSC agreement manager:

<http://www.copyright.com/publishers/rightslink-scientific/institution-agreement-management-resources/>



Acceptance

- If the manuscript is accepted, the author will be prompted to upload the final files and choose a copyright license.
- Hybrid journal authors will choose to publish open access or traditional (closed).



Post acceptance – upload final files in ScholarOne

Author Dashboard

1 Unsubmitted and Manuscripts in Draft

1 Awaiting Final Files

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Awaiting Final Files

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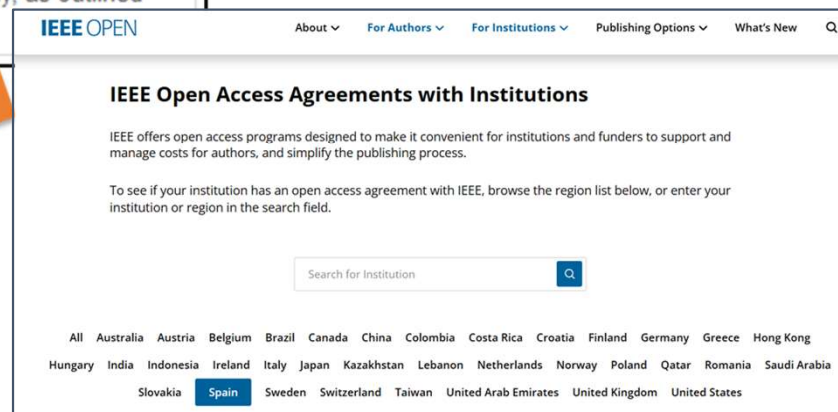
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Main Landing Page (what an author sees when they login to Author Portal and have a submission awaiting Final Files.

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