THE DIAMOND PROGRAMME

of UiT The Arctic University of Norway

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UiT The Arctic University of Norway is one of the largest universities in Norway. Cancellation of the Wiley and reduction in the Elsevier publish-and-read deals freed up approx. 400 000 EUR in UiT's annual literature budget. This is now used for the Diamond Programme — a multiyear project aimed to support diamond open access (OA) publishing. As diamond OA should be scholar-led, a steering committee of researchers and students at UiT oversees the programme, with library staff acting as secretariat.

STEERING COMMITTEE

- 6 researchers representing UiT's faculties as well as 3 student representatives
- 2–4 meetings per year
- The committee oversees the Diamond Programme and decides which applications to Pillars 3 and 4 should be funded
- The Diamond Open Access Standard used as guideline for funding decisions
- Library staff and faculties' research administration handle administrative tasks

PILLARS

1. SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL DIAMOND OA INITIATIVES

In 2026, we support, among others,

- DOAJ
- Érudit
- Episciences
- African Journals Online
- Open Book Collective
- Open Journals Collective
- Open Library of Humanities
- Open Library Economics

~100 000 EUR

2. STRENGTHENING SEPTENTRIO ACADEMIC PUBLISHING

UiT has a library-run publishing service, Septentrio Academic Publishing, with 25 active diamond OA journals and series. Researchers involved as editors act as a user council, helping to guide the development of the service.

- Annual workshops in Tromsø for all editors
- Establishing an article formatting service
- Generative AI detection tool to screen manuscript submissions

~50 000 EUR

3. GRANTS TO UiT-AFFILIATED DIAMOND OA JOURNALS

First funding round in spring 2026 with 12 journals funded. Funding decisions made by steering committee. Typical costs covered:

- Editorial board meetings
- Hiring article formatting assistants
- Layout software and/or online hosting

~100 000 EUR

4. FLIPPING UiT-AFFILIATED JOURNALS TO DIAMOND OA

Open call for international journals with strong UiT affiliation. Selection made by steering committee. Grantees will get:

- Support for transition to diamond OA
- Long-term support for operational costs after transition

~200 000 EUR

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