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An update after seven years of negotiations

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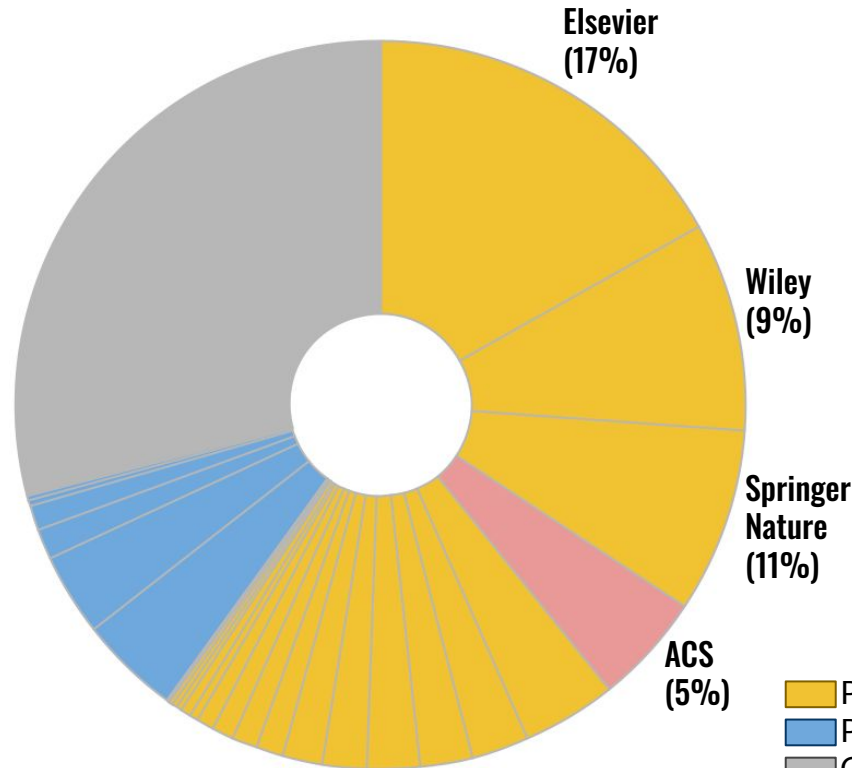
Agenda for today's session

- Background for discussion
 - History of OA at UC
 - OA Publisher Agreements: Outcomes
 - Larger space of support for OA publication
- Panel discussion - guided questions on the practical impacts of these agreements for different communities within UC and the libraries.
- Audience Q&A

(A brief, abridged) History of OA at UC

- **2013-15:** Systemwide OA policies
- **2015-16:** Pay-It-Forward project
- **2018:**
 - Pathways to OA
 - Remits from oversight groups
- **2019+:**
 - Publisher agreements begin
 - Project Transform Working Group formed

Outcomes: Agreement coverage

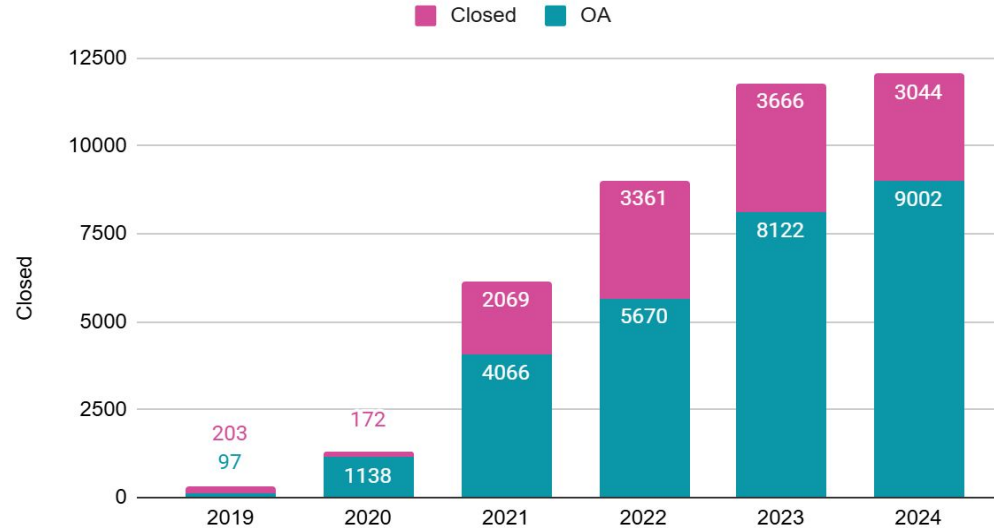


UC's 20 existing publisher agreements make ~55% of UC articles eligible for OA publishing.

Additional agreements targeted over the next two years will increase that percentage to ~70%.

Outcomes: Article volume

OA and Closed Publishing Over Time



As of December 31, 2024, **28,094** articles have been made open access under one of UC's transformative agreements

Outcomes: Cost avoidance

Comparison of:

actual spend by libraries and authors
and

hypothetical spend had we not taken this negotiation path
...for 17 OA publisher agreements active in 2024.

On the current path:

Library spend in aggregate is lower by **\$2.27M** (~7.7%).

Author spend in aggregate is lower by **\$2.88M** (~28.1%).

Outcomes: Additional critical issues

Well-positioned to manage strategic considerations around other key issues, leveraging or developing UC expertise as needed.

Examples:

- Author rights retention when publishing open access
- AI license language
- Federal funder policies and publishers' responses

UC Libraries' support for OA: multiple pathways

- Transformative agreements
- Non-APC models
 - Subscribe-to-Open (S2O)
 - Diamond OA
- Systemwide OA author fund pilot (coming soon)
- OA books
 - Publisher programs
 - Pilots to open UC-authored monographs