

## Open access

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### How can I publish open access?

There are four routes to open access – gold, hybrid and green.

#### **The golden route:**

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