

# APC Policy for *GCEJ*

To ensure transparency and uphold editorial integrity, we provide the following detailed policy regarding Article Processing Charges (APCs) and waivers, in line with the guidelines recommended by the **Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE)**.

The *Global Clinical Engineering Journal (GCEJ)* is an **Open Access** journal that publishes high-quality, timely, double-blind peer-reviewed manuscripts about the intersection of technology, engineering, and informatics related to health, wellness, disease management, and patient-care outcomes around the world. In line with the principles of Open Access publishing, the *Journal* aims to ensure that all papers published are freely available to researchers, practitioners, and the public, without financial, legal, or technical barriers, and without delay (No embargo period and no requirement for users to register to read content). Following the DOAJ (Directory of Open Access Journals) and the BOAI ([\*Budapest Open Access Initiative\*](#)) definition, the [\*Open Access policy\*](#) of *GCEJ* promises that we allow for immediate free access to the work and permits any user to read, download, copy, distribute, print, search, or link to the full texts of articles, crawl them for indexing, pass them as data to software, or use them for any other lawful purpose, without asking prior permission from the publisher or the author.

With the increasing volume of submissions to the *Journal*, we've recruited additional editorial staff to maintain the speedy and high-quality review of the submissions. However, our sponsorship is not sufficient to cover the increased operating costs; therefore, the **Editorial Office** has decided to change the recognition of **Diamond OA** to **Gold OA**, which will start **at the beginning of 2025**.

**After changing from Diamond to Gold OA, the *Global Clinical Engineering Journal* will continue to provide high-quality peer review and editorial services to ensure manuscripts' fair and quick review decisions.** Furthermore, this new model will enable us to remain sustainable and aim to further enhance the *Journal's* **Open Access** services and promote academic exchange and collaboration.

## **The New Model Will Include:**

- To ensure unrestricted access to content and maintain high publishing standards, an **Article Processing Charge (APC)** is applied to papers accepted after peer review (more details may be found in the table below). This fee covers costs such as copy-editing, typesetting, production, content archiving, and journal management.
- Certain non-peer-reviewed content, like *Letters to the Editor*, *Editorials*, *Corrigenda*, and *Addenda*, is published without charge.
- A **Gold OA policy** that will involve corresponding adjustments to authors' Article Processing Charges (APCs). Please pay attention to the latest [\*Submission Guidelines and Instructions for Authors\*](#).

- Continuing the current practice, readers will still be able to access the content of published papers without charge.
- After the waiver policy in 2025, *GCEJ* will still provide financial support for authors and waive all APCs for submissions before 31 December 2026. Meanwhile, we will continuously support those authors in need, especially from the low- and middle-income countries. We aim to become the unique journal that concentrates solely on the field of clinical engineering and provides the best publication services to all authors, including the majority of clinical engineers, doctors, and basic researchers worldwide. Many of the authors may not have enough sponsorship from their institutions, and considering this fact, the *Journal* deems it appropriate to give a helping hand and remove the financial barrier when publishing high-quality papers to accelerate the academic exchange in the circle.
- This change in **OA type** WILL NOT AFFECT ALL PUBLISHED PAPERS, nor incur any additional charges for authors who already submitted manuscripts before 2025.

### Withdrawal Issues

In *GCEJ*, submission withdrawal refers to various scenarios, including the removal of a new submission, a manuscript under peer review, an accepted paper, or a paper in production from the online system. If authors withdraw a submission for unethical or unreasonable reasons, a withdrawal fee equal to 50% of the current APC will be charged. Withdrawal is also possible for accepted papers that have not yet been formally published, including newly accepted manuscripts and Papers in Press. However, authors should be aware that no refunds of the APC will be issued if an accepted paper or Paper in Press is withdrawn due to academic misconduct, ethical violations, or without providing any justification.

### *GCEJ* Article Processing Charge Fees

AMOUNT per manuscript			
US \$200	US \$150	US \$100	US \$50
Andorra	Albania	Armenia	Afghanistan
Antigua and Barbuda	Algeria	Bangladesh	Benin
Argentina	America Samoa	Bhutan	Burkina Faso
Aruba	Angola	Bolivia	Burundi
Australia	Azerbaijan	Cameroon	Cambodia
Austria	Belarus	Cape Verde	Central African Republic
Bahamas, The	Belize	Congo, Rep	Chad
Bahrain	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Cote d'Ivoire	Comoros
Barbados	Botswana	Djibouti	Eritrea
Belgium	Brazil	Egypt, Arab Rep.	Ethiopia
Bermuda	Bulgaria	El Salvador	Gambia, The
Brunei	Colombia	Georgia	Guinea
Canada	Costa Rica	Ghana	Guinea-Bissau

AMOUNT per manuscript			
US \$200	US \$150	US \$100	US \$50
Channel Islands	Cuba	Guatemala	Haiti
Chile	Dominica	Guyana	Kyrgyz
China	Dominican Republic	Honduras	Republic Liberia
Croatia	Ecuador	India	Madagascar
Cyprus	Fiji	Indonesia	Malawi
Czech Republic	Gabon	Kenya	Mali
Denmark	Grenada	Kiribati	Mozambique
Equatorial	Iran, Islamic Rep.	Kosovo	Nepal
Guinea	Iraq	Lao PDR	Niger
Estonia	Jamaica	Lesotho	Rwanda
Finland	Jordan	Mauritania	Sierra Leone
France	Kazakhstan	Micronesia, Fed. Sts.	Somalia
Germany	Lebanon	Moldova	South Sudan
Greece	Libya	Morocco	Tanzania
Greenland	Macedonia, FYR	Myanmar	Togo
Hong Kong SAR, China	Malaysia	Nicaragua	Uganda
Hungary	Maldives	Nigeria	Zimbabwe
Iceland	Marshall Islands	Pakistan	
Ireland	Mauritius	Papua New Guinea	
Israel	Mexico	Philippines	
Italy	Mongolia	Samoa	
Japan	Montenegro	Sao Tome and Principe	
Korea, Rep.	Namibia	Senegal	
Kuwait	Palau	Solomon Islands	
Latvia	Panama	Sri Lanka	
Liechtenstein	Paraguay	Sudan	
Lithuania	Peru	Swaziland	
Luxembourg	Romania	Syrian Arab Republic	
Macao SAR, China	Serbia	Tajikistan	
Malta	South Africa	Timor Leste	
Monaco	St. Lucia	Ukraine	
Netherlands	St. Vincent and the Grenadines	Uzbekistan	
New Zealand	Suriname	Vanuatu	
Norway	Thailand	Vietnam	
Oman	Tonga	West Bank and Gaza	
Poland	Tunisia	Yemen, Rep.	
Portugal	Turkey	Zambia	
Puerto Rico	Turkmenistan		

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US \$200	US \$150	US \$100	US \$50
Qatar	Tuvalu		
Russian Federation			
San Marino			
Saudi Arabia			
Seychelles			
Singapore			
Slovak Republic			
Slovenia			
Spain			
Sweden			
Switzerland			
Trinidad and Tobago			
United Arab Emirates			
United Kingdom			
United States			
Uruguay			
Virgin Islands			

Please note that this APC fees list is classified in line with the category of World Bank Country and Lending Groups, with minor adjustments. **GCEJ will waive all APC fees for submissions received prior to 31 December 2026. Authors from Low-income Countries will continue to receive support, encouraging their engagement with GCEJ.**

**GCEJ** is committed to advancing scientific, engineering, and clinical knowledge by fostering global collaboration. Our contributors, readers, and editorial team span diverse regions and perspectives worldwide. As such, our focus remains solely on the merit of the applied research, its scientific integrity, and its contribution to the advancement of healthcare technologies.

### Waiver Policy

We are committed to supporting researchers with limited funding and encourage global equity in scientific communication. Therefore, we will continue to offer APC waivers or discounts under the following conditions:

#### Eligibility for Waivers

- Authors based in **low-income countries**, as defined by the **World Bank** classification, can apply for the full APC waivers.
- **Partial waivers or discounts** may be considered for authors from **lower-middle-income countries**, or under specific hardship circumstances (e.g., early career researchers, no grant support).

- In multi-author submissions, at least **one corresponding author or first author** must meet the eligibility criteria for the waiver to apply.

### Application Process

- Authors may request a waiver **at the time of submission**, or **immediately after submission**, but **before acceptance**.
- To apply, authors must send a **waiver request email** to the **Editorial Office** at [office@GCEJournal.com](mailto:office@GCEJournal.com) and [Yadin@globalce.org](mailto:Yadin@globalce.org), explaining their eligibility and providing supporting documentation if necessary.
- All waiver requests are handled confidentially.

### Timeliness

- Requests submitted **after acceptance** may not be considered unless justified by exceptional circumstances.

### Editorial Independence

- **Editorial decisions are made independently of the authors' ability to pay.**
- Manuscripts are assessed **solely on academic merit**, relevance, originality, and scientific rigor.
- Waiver status does **not** influence editorial outcomes.

### Transparency

- This waiver policy is published publicly to ensure transparency.
- Authors are encouraged to contact the **Editorial Office** with any questions regarding APCs or waivers.