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Award

Public Library of Science (PLOS) 2026-2027

Jisc

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Scope

Reference

Proc3068

Description

Jisc Services Ltd is entering into an agreement with the Public Library of Science (PLOS). Jisc members pay an annual participation fee for uncapped publishing in one or a combination of journal bundles: Community Action Publishing, and/ or OA Flat Fee Publishing, and/ or Global Equity. Participating institutions will be part of a community supporting a new funding model for highly-selective open access journals. The contract will be with Jisc Services Limited as a subsidiary of Jisc. This contract is for use by Jisc Members only and not for Jisc's own use.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Framework

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

The scope of the framework covers purchases by the following: • Higher Education institutions • Further Education institutions • Consortiums and any other Organisation or Body whose core purpose is the support or advancement of further or higher education or of research • Any other education institute • Multi Academy Trusts and other organisations established and acting on behalf of Colleges • Specialist Colleges • Research councils and other such organisations This framework is open to organisations in England, Wales, Northern Ireland & Scotland Members of these consortia are eligible to purchase from this framework by virtue of its membership, as will members of any other similar purchasing consortium in higher or further education that might be formed during the lifetime of the framework • www.lupc.ac.uk/member-list • www.supc.ac.uk/about-us/our-members/our-members • www.nwupc.ac.uk/our-members • www.neupc.ac.uk/members • www.hepcw.ac.uk/members • www.apuc-scot.ac.uk/#!/members

Contract 1. Public Library of Science (PLOS) 2026-2027

Supplier

- Public Library of Science (PLOS)

Contract value

- 4050000 USD including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

18 October 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2027
- 2 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80000000 - Education and training services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom
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Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Single supplier - intellectual property or exclusive rights

The supplier is the rightsholder to the IP of the content and the sole supplier of this unique resource.

Supplier

Public Library of Science (PLOS)

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PJPT-1991-HJHM

2108 N Street Suite N,

Sacramento

CA 95816

United States

Email: mcastellan@plos.org

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): Yes

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Contracting authority

Jisc

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PGYD-1575-ZHXX

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Region: UKK11 - Bristol, City of

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government