

# YOU CAN'T ACCESS RESEARCH ESSENTIAL TO YOUR EDUCATION

## THE PROBLEM

Research journals are the source for cutting-edge knowledge in every field from history to medicine. Yet, students, researchers, professors, doctors, entrepreneurs, and others are denied access to important information every day because they or their institution can't afford it.

Journals have become increasingly expensive, to the point where no one has access to them all.

Journals often cost \$5,000, \$10,000, or even \$20,000 per subscription, per year—and prices continue to outpace inflation year in and year out.

**> 40%**

of researchers surveyed in one of the wealthiest countries, the UK, couldn't access content they needed on a daily or weekly basis.



## THE RESULT

Science is slowed, scholarship is hindered, and students' educations are incomplete.

When we can't see the whole picture, it's hard to find, learn about, and build upon the cutting-edge.

**It doesn't have to be this way.**



STUDENTS



RESEARCHERS



DOCTORS



PATIENTS



ENTREPRENEURS



THE PUBLIC



PEOPLE IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

**ARE ALL DENIED ACCESS TO THE RESEARCH THEY NEED**

## THE SOLUTION

Dozens of student organizations, representing nearly 7 million students from across the world and in every discipline, are leading the charge for a better system: Open Access.

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# GET INVOLVED

Open Access is free, immediate, online access to high-quality, peer-reviewed scholarly research coupled with the unrestricted rights to use it in new and innovative ways.

Open Access revolutionizes how scholarship is shared, making it possible for anyone to access and build upon the latest research. Bodies such as the European Commission and the U.S. National Institutes of Health have embraced Open Access as crucial for the advancement of science and scholarship in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, and now nearly 20% of all journal articles are available for free online.

The opportunities that free, immediate, online access to the full scholarly record could create are immense: Students would have access to the research they need for a complete education;

researchers could have their work read and cited more often; and millions of articles could be read and analyzed by computers, surfacing better results faster, drawing important connections more quickly, and allowing discoveries to be made sooner.

Open Access has the potential to speed up research, advance science, and open new avenues for discovery in ways we've only just begun to imagine.

Students have a crucial role in making Open Access a reality. The student-led Right to Research Coalition, which represents nearly 7 million students internationally, works to educate students on the importance of Open Access and to advocate for policies that open up access to research at the campus, national, and international levels.

## What will you do?

Right now, students all over the world are starting conversations, lobbying their governments, passing student government resolutions, signing our petition and more to make Open Access a reality.

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