

College Guideline on Article Processing Charges (APC)

The Davidson College of Engineering will help fund the Article Processing Charges (APC) for faculty to publish in reputable, high-quality journals in their RSCA areas, subject to budget availability. Faculty members will be limited to one funded request (up to \$2000) per academic year if the request meets the following metrics.

A. Evaluation metrics:

1. Faculty submitting the APC request is either the first author or the corresponding author of the article.
2. Includes record of external proposal submissions as Primary Investigator (or Co-PI) in the last two years and includes the APC in the proposal budget.
3. Includes a brief analysis that states why comparable non-charging journals cannot be considered for publication and why this journal is really valuable to the discipline.
4. The journal is listed as Q1 in *Scimago Journal & Country Ranking*: <https://www.scimagojr.com/>, in fields relevant to the faculty member's RSCA areas, including engineering education.
5. There will be no contributions for extra-pages fees.

B. Submission windows:

The APC requests are processed on a first-come first-served basis until the supporting budget is exhausted. The applications should be submitted by:

- February 1 for papers *accepted* during Oct. 1 – Jan. 31
- June 1 for papers *accepted* during Feb. 1 – May 31
- October 1 for papers *accepted* between June 1 – Sept 30