

VT OASF for Authors' Recognition Reception, Feb. 24, 2015

Hi, I'm Gail McMillan, director of Scholarly Communication here at University Libraries and I administer Virginia Tech's Open Access Subvention Fund.

Open access refers to literature that is online and free of charge; and while it is copyrighted, it is free of access restrictions. The University Libraries is committed to promoting the value of open access and to providing Virginia Tech scholars with open access options for showcasing their creative outputs, and to foster VT's mission that explicitly states "The discovery and **dissemination of new knowledge** are central to its mission."

A primary goal of the Open Access Subvention Fund is to **enable authors to engage in new transformational open publishing environments**. After a successful 2-year pilot project, the Virginia Tech Libraries, in partnership with the Office of the Provost, have established the Open Access Subvention Fund to subsidize article processing fees for scholarly, peer-reviewed articles accepted for publication in open access or hybrid open access journals.

Together the Dean of Libraries and the Provost provided \$50,000 for the OASF. This fund is open to *everyone* in the VT community—faculty, staff, graduate and undergraduate students alike. I'll briefly share with you how the Fund has been used during the first 7 months of this fiscal year.

It funded **28 of 49 requests**. **Those 28 articles** had 78 authors. The brief citations to their articles are scrolling on the monitors around you. If we look at the authors in terms of academic rank:

25%	Asst Prof	20%	Assoc Prof
24%	GS	3%	UG
10%	PostDoc, Res Assoc's, and Adjuncts	12%	Prof

If we look at **those 28 articles in terms of the authors' colleges and institutes:**

VTCRI	2%	VBI	12%
CLAHS	4%	CoE	17%
Grad School	4%	CoS	24%
Vet Med	7%	CALS	30%

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I'd like the funded authors and Dean Walters and Provost McNamee to **please stand** so that we can show you our appreciation for their contributions to open access to the scholarship from VT.

I'll finish by letting you know that there is **only \$15,000 left** in the subvention fund. Go to the **library's home page and type in "open access" to find funding for your next OA article.**