

**Fall Semester 2025 Radow College of Humanities and Social Sciences
Call for Proposals: Open Access Publication Fee Support**

Submission Deadline: September 4, 2025 – December 10, 2025

Funding Period: September 4, 2025 – December 10, 2025: Funding Amount: Up to \$3,000 per award

Overview

To promote the dissemination of high-quality research and ensure equitable access to scholarly knowledge, Radow College of Humanities and Social Sciences invites applications for funding to cover Open Access (OA) publication fees. This initiative supports authors seeking to publish in reputable, peer-reviewed OA journals or hybrid journals with open access options.

Objectives

This funding opportunity aims to:

- Increase the visibility and accessibility of research outputs.
- Support compliance with funder or institutional open access policies.
- Encourage researchers to publish in ethical, high-quality open access venues.

Eligibility

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be a faculty member / researcher / postdoctoral scholar / graduate student affiliated with Radow College of Humanities and Social Sciences.
- Have a manuscript accepted or under review at an eligible open access journal.
- Hybrid journals must offer a clear OA publishing route with a DOI and license.

Eligible Expenses

Funding may be used to cover:

- Article Processing Charges (APCs) for OA publications.
- Mandatory fees for data or code sharing associated with publication.

Application Requirements

Submit the following as a single PDF document:

- Cover Page with applicant's name, title, department, and contact info.
- Brief Letter of Justification** (max. 1 page) explaining the significance of the publication and why OA is critical.
- Proof of Journal Acceptance** (or current manuscript submission).
- Itemized Invoice or official cost estimate from the publisher.

Review Criteria

Applications will be evaluated based on:

- Scholarly impact and relevance of the research.
- Journal reputation and compliance with open access best practices.
- Justification of need and alignment with program goals.

Submission & Inquiries

Please email your OA proposal request to:

- Radow College Research Office (rchss@kennesaw.edu)
- Indicate in the Subject line: Open Access Request
- For any questions, please feel free to contact Bernadette Heckman, Associate Dean of Research, bheckman@kennesaw.edu

Additional Notes

- In the case of a project with multiple authors, please submit only ****one**** application.
- Priority may be given to early-career researchers or those without external grant support.
- Funding is limited and highly competitive.