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Introduction

This report supplements the University of Edinburgh’s RCUK Open Access Report 2014, which details the University’s Open Access activities and the expenditure of its £830,550 RCUK Open Access block grant for 2013-14.

This report details the expenditure of the £70,000 + one off £25,000 setup allocation received by The Roslin Institute from RCUK in 2013.

Context

The Roslin Institute undertakes top-class basic and translational science to tackle some of the most pressing issues in animal health and welfare, their implications for human health and for the role of animals in the food chain. The Roslin Institute joined the University of Edinburgh in May 2008 and in 2011 moved to a new £60.6M building on the University’s Easter Bush Campus.

Relationship with University of Edinburgh

Because The Roslin Institute is part of the University of Edinburgh, researchers based at the Institute are eligible to use the University of Edinburgh’s RCUK Open Access Fund.

During the period 1 April 2013 to 31 July 2014, the fund paid for 39 article-processing charges (APCs) on behalf of Roslin Institute-based researchers. The total cost of this was £59,466.19. These 39 papers were included in the University of Edinburgh report to RCUK in August 2014.

Charging Arrangements

The Roslin Institute has an arrangement with the University of Edinburgh’s Scholarly Communications Team whereby the Institute will pay 30% of the cost of APCs from the Institute Open Access Block Grant. In July, £17,839.86 was transferred from The Roslin Institute grant to the University’s Central RCUK Open Access Fund to cover 30% of the cost of the 2013-14 articles originating from The Roslin Institute.

The remainder of this fund has been ring-fenced at The Roslin Institute and carried forward into 2014-2015 which actively continues to fund RCUK Open Access through the path of University of Edinburgh Scholarly Communications Team.

The one off payment of £25,000 for start-up and operations costs was used to fund part of the Institute’s Data Manager’s time in formulating process and agreement to work with the University of Edinburgh’s Scholarly Communications Team, produce SOP and Policy, plus assist and actively promote Open Access throughout the research community within the Institute.

Of The Roslin Institute-authored, peer-reviewed articles that acknowledged RCUK funding and were submitted for publication between 1st April 2013 and 31st July 2014 the rate of Open Access is approximately 84%.

1 https://www.era.lib.ed.ac.uk/handle/1842/9386