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Study

• October 2013
• Performed at Syracuse and Cornell
• Targeted STEM faculty (except biology)
• Have you paid OA fees?
• Why or why not?
• Who covered the cost?
• Opinions of author fees
Results

• 123 respondents from both institutions
• Majority had not paid author fees in past three years
• 13 respondents requested funds for OA fees in a grant, 6 researchers received it
• A major theme was opposition to any additional costs
Recommendations

• Educate faculty about university funds to pay fees if available
• Educate faculty/students about writing fees into grants
• Educate faculty/students about distinction between reputable and disreputable OA journals