



## SUBSCRIPTION PLANS

In order to ensure that Dryad can preserve data in perpetuity, the repository is sustained by a mixed funding model that requires ongoing financial contributions from journals, publishers, societies, individual contributors, granting agencies, institutional hosts, and other sponsors. The costs of stewardship in Dryad are paid upfront so that end-users can access repository contents freely. The subscription scheme described here is valid for contracts starting in January 2012. The terms and pricing of subscriptions will be reviewed by the Dryad Board and revised, if necessary, at intervals no greater than 3 years.

### Annual fees

The principal mechanism by which the core services of the repository are supported is through a subscription fee invoiced to each journal on an annual basis. Journals are free to recoup the fee however they so choose (e.g., through page charges to authors, a return on subscription charges from the publisher, or sponsorship from a scientific society).

### Multiple pricing plans

Journals may choose one of two subscription plans (A or B), depending on their circumstances. Those journals that wish to strongly promote data archiving and have a voice in the setting of policy and direction for the repository are encouraged to select Plan A (Full Partnership). Those journals that wish to support the repository as an option for some of their authors, but do not anticipate it to be used for most articles, are encouraged to select Plan B (Associate Partnership).

### Joining fees

Both Plan A and B also require a one-time joining fee of \$1000, a portion of which will go toward Dryad's endowment fund and to support the start-up costs for new Partners. This fee will be waived for journals that commit to either Plan A or B prior to January 1, 2012, as an incentive for a journal to become a charter Partner in the Dryad Consortium.

### Plan A – Full Partnership

Plan A journals are Full Partners in the Dryad Consortium, with the right to appoint a representative who has voting rights on the Consortium Board and is eligible to be elected to the Executive Committee. The annual fee is prospective in that it is paid in advance each year. The annual fee is calculated at a rate of \$25 per article multiplied by the *total* number of peer-reviewed articles published in the year prior to the one in which the contract is signed (i.e., 2010 for contracts starting in 2012). Should the number of articles increase or decrease by more than 25% than the number used as a baseline, the fee will be reset with the journal to reflect the most recent completed year. For unusually high-volume journals with many articles outside the scope of DRYAD, special fees may be negotiated. Journals may sign

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either a 3 or 5 yr contract, with the per-article rate fixed for the term of the contract as a guard against pricing changes. Plan A has an additional incentive that there is no surcharge for data deposits associated with articles that were published prior to the term of the contract.

### **Plan B – Associate Partnership**

Plan B journals are Associate Partners in the Dryad Consortium, with the right to have a representative participate in deliberations of the Consortium Board but not to vote or serve on the Executive Committee. The annual fee for Plan B is applied retrospectively. The fee is calculated at a rate of \$100 multiplied by the number of articles for which data were deposited in Dryad in the previous year. Journals may sign either a 3 or 5 yr contract, with the per-article rate fixed for the term of the contract as a guard against pricing changes.

### **Time-limited commitment**

Journals can transition between Plans A and B without incurring an additional joining fee as long as there is not an intervening hiatus. Dryad's commitment to the long-term stewardship and accessibility of the data is not affected by whether or not a journal continues to remain a Consortium Partner indefinitely.

### **Plan C - Author payment**

With a deposit fee, individual authors may archive data associated with a peer-reviewed publication even if the article is being published by a journal that is not a member of the Dryad Consortium. The deposit fee is \$200 paid online at the time of deposit (*i.e.* Dryad will not issue invoices or accept purchase orders). Note that Plan C submissions do not benefit from journal integration; there is a greater metadata submission burden on the author, and the author is also responsible for ensuring the data DOI appears in the published paper.

### **Fees for large data**

There will be a surcharge to individual authors for large datasets (the current size limit is 1GB per file or 10GB per article), with a pricing scheme that is yet-to-be decided. Large data fees will apply to both Partner and non-Partner data submissions.