

How to publish open access at Åbo Akademi University

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OA in Finland

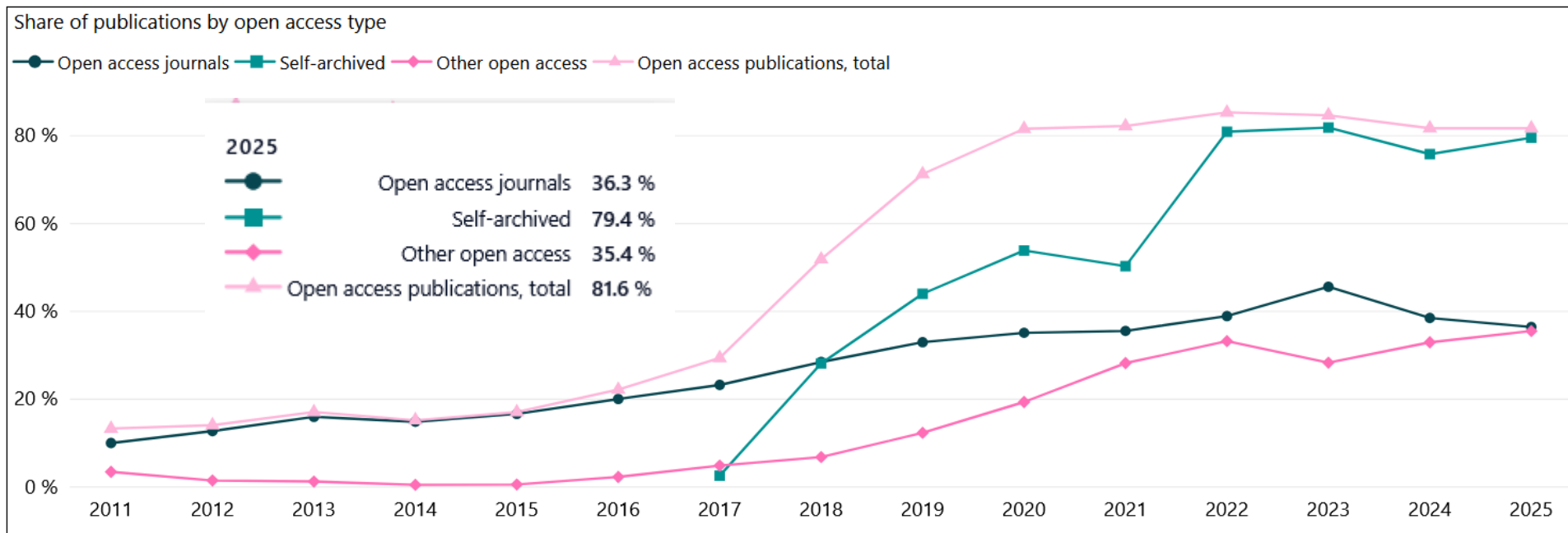
Strong national collaboration and coordination for open science (national policies)

University funding model 2025-2028

- 14 % of public funding based on the publication activities > based on reporting publications produced by affiliated researchers > incentive for universities and researchers
- Annual national **publication data collection** by the Ministry of Education and Culture
- **1,2x funding for Open Access publications** = peer reviewed articles, book chapters and monographs
- Self-archived versions of non-open access articles = count as open access

OA mandates on immediate open access by research funders (Plan S), Research Council of Finland

Peer-reviewed scientific articles at ÅAU (2025)



Paths to open access for ÅAU researchers

Read-and-publish-agreements

FinELib consortium

About
11 000
journals

ÅAU APC pool

Funding for
full/gold OA

Quality
criteria of
the journal

External project funding

Plan S

Budgeting
and eligible
costs

Self-archiving (AAM)

Report and
self-archive in
[AboCRIS](#)

Prior licence
model 1.1.2026

The prior licence model (Rights Retention Strategy) at ÅAU 1.1.2026

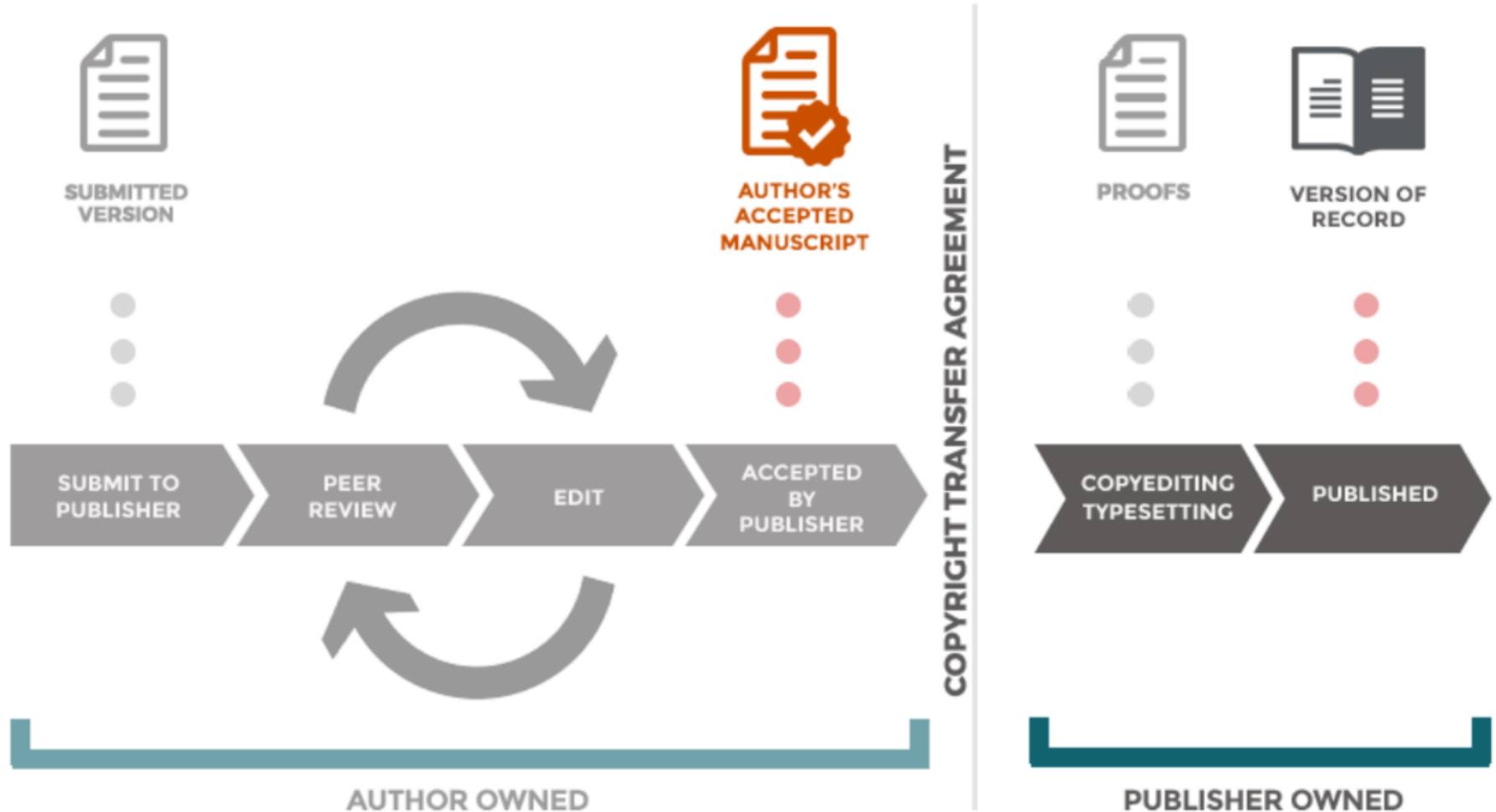
The ÅAU prior licence model gives all ÅAU affiliated researchers the right to self-archive the AAM-version of a peer-reviewed article without an embargo, upon publication.

The prior licence model applies to all article manuscripts submitted for peer-review to a publication channel/journal/book from January 1 2026 onward.

[ÅAU Open Science policy \(2023\)](#)
[and ÅAU prior licence model \(2026\)](#)

Background

- Secondary publishing rights was not included in the renewed national copyright legislation
- Initiative by the Finnish University Libraries Network (FUN) to develop **institutional** rights retention strategies
- Supported by the Council of Rectors of Finnish Universities (Unifi)
- National working group (uni libraries)
- Preparations for rectors's decision at each university





Long-term preservation & security of supply

Åbo Akademi University ensures long-term access to its researchers' scholarly outputs.



Stronger researcher rights and publishing opportunities

Researchers retain copyright to the Author Accepted Manuscript (AAM).

Provides more publishing options.

Ensures compliance with funder requirements (Plan S)



Financial sustainability

Supports self-archiving opportunities (+20 % €) to receive funding according to the national university funding model

Simplifies the self-archiving process for researchers and library staff, saving time and resources.

Supports more sustainable publishing costs for universities.



Greater visibility and impact

Immediate open access and a CC licence maximize the dissemination and reuse of research.

Facilitates collaboration, innovation, and commercialization.

Quick check-list for researchers

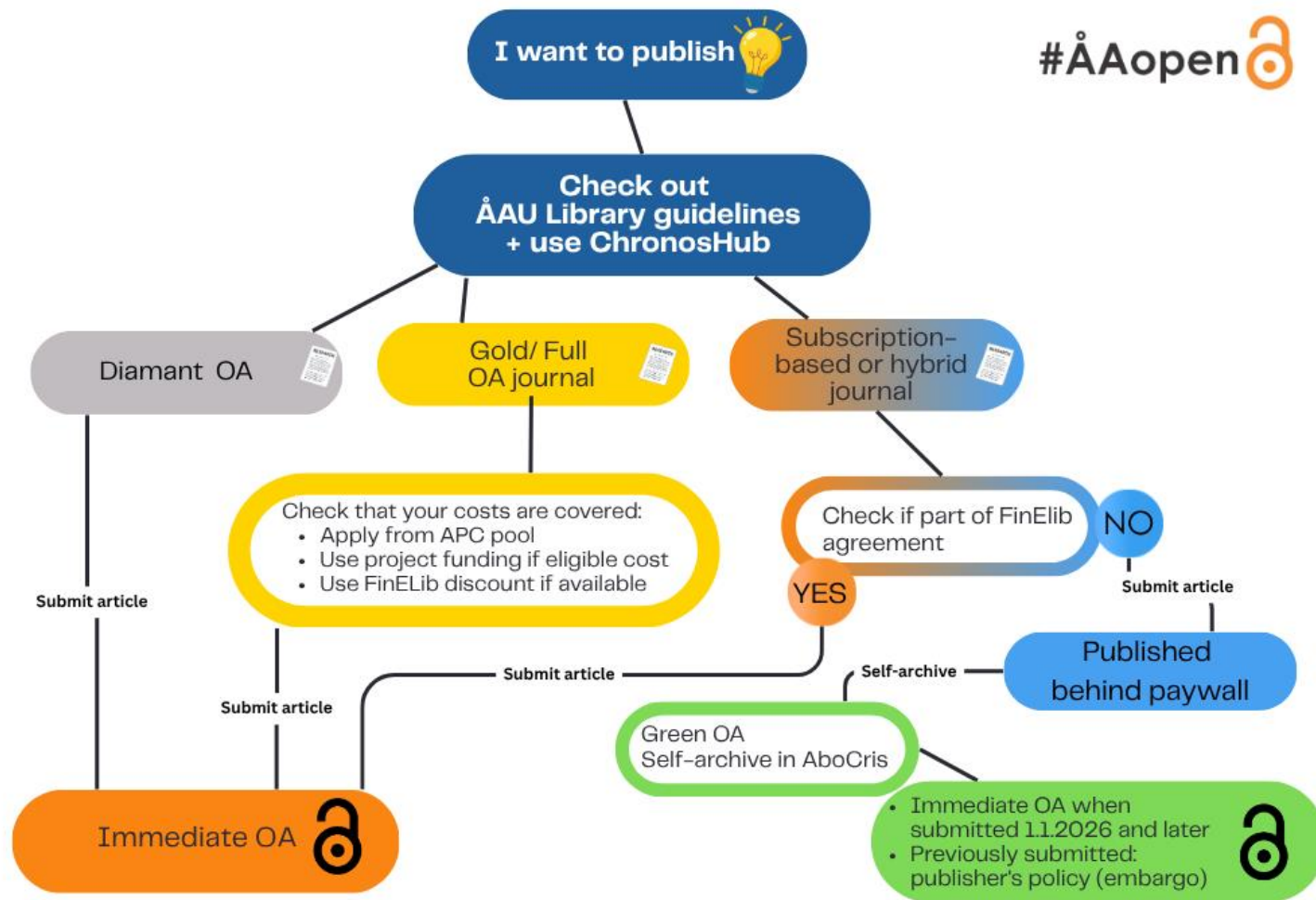
The prior licence model applies when you submit an article manuscript/book chapter for peer review **1.1.2026** or later and your article/chapter is published **behind a paywall**.

- 1. When choosing a journal:** Check ÅAU's open access agreements and APC pool as usual.
- 2. If publishing behind a paywall:** You have the right to apply the prior licence model. Inform co-authors about the model.
- 3. When signing the publishing agreement:** Sign it, even if it mentions an embargo. The prior licensing takes effect **before** the author signs the publishing agreement with the publisher.
- 4. When the final article is published online:**
Upload the AAM (Author's Accepted Manuscript) as a PDF to AboCRIS for immediate open access (CC BY by default).
- 5. Ready!**

Opt-out is possible for researchers without funder requirements.

I want to publish

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ÅAU Chronoshub journal guide



<https://abo.chronoshub.io>

Thank you!

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