Policy Statement Regarding Predatory Journals

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In recent years, there has been a proliferation of new journals across a range of disciplines. Many of these journals are internet-based and in open access format. Some journals of this nature are fully committed to retaining scientific integrity. Others do not follow standard systems of scientific peer review but rather operate for financial gain in exchange for publication, a practice that has been come to be known as “predatory.”

To limit the impact of these predatory journals to the integrity of the scholarly mission of the School of Public Health-Bloomington, the SPH Academic Council adopts the following policy:

- No internal funds allocated to faculty, staff, or students for by the School of Public Health for scholarly purposes may be used to pay publication fees in any journal on the Scholarly Open Access list of Individual Predatory Journals (http://scholarlyoa.com/individual-journals/)
- Department chairs and others with budgetary authority are encouraged to decline approvals for publication fees associated with any journal on the Scholarly Open Access list of Individual Predatory Journals (http://scholarlyoa.com/individual-journals/)
- Departmental and school committees engaged in the evaluation of scholarly products for purposes of hiring, promotion, or tenure-related decisions, are encouraged to consult the Scholarly Open Access list of Individual Predatory Journals (http://scholarlyoa.com/individual-journals/) when making evaluations about the scholarly products of faculty, staff, and students.