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## FAQ

### Q1: Does it cost money for an institution to become a participating member?

— No. Participating in the IOAP is completely free with and comes with no hidden terms or conditions. Participating institutions can cancel at any time.

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### Q6: How are authors from affiliated institutions or universities identified?

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