

Important information about meeting our financial need criteria:

The *Limnology & Oceanography Letters* Early Career Publication Honor aims to provide the financial means for under-funded early career researchers to publish Open Access papers of high scientific merit in the journal. Therefore, financial need must be demonstrated in the application form.

The selection committee, thus, asks that applicants disclose:

- (a) whether they currently have access to the necessary funds to cover the article processing charges (APC) for the proposed manuscript;
- (b) whether they are waiting for results of pending applications (and if so, how many applications) for funding to cover APC for the proposed manuscript; and
- (c) whether their institution(s) has(have) an agreement with any scientific publisher that would cover the APC for an Open Access publication.

The above-mentioned information must be included in the financial need statement template available in the next page, which must also include your institution letterhead and a signature (and stamp, if applicable) from your supervisor or department head. Please convert the statement into a PDF file with no more than 10MB for uploading it to the application in the Google Forms, or for merging with your application PDF (if you do not have access to Google in your country).

It should be noted that Wiley offers APC waivers and discounts to scientists affiliated with institutions in countries of low and lower-middle income (<https://authorservices.wiley.com/open-research/open-access/for-authors/waivers-and-discounts.html>). Depending on affiliation, these waivers cover all or part of the publication fees for Open Access articles with *L&O Letters*. While this constitutes access to funding for ECRs from some Global South countries, eligibility for APC waivers or discounts from Wiley will **NOT** be considered against otherwise demonstrated financial need. Applicants from the Global South who wish to apply for this honor are encouraged to do so, especially those only eligible for discounts. Any applicants selected from institutions eligible for a full waiver will be selected in excess of the 12 available honors. All selected applicants will be eligible for the benefits listed in the call.

(Please include your institution letterhead in the header)

To the selection committee for the *Limnology & Oceanography Letters* Early Career Publication Honor

I hereby confirm that

(insert the applicant's full name)

does not currently have access to the necessary funds for Open Access article processing charges for the manuscript described in their *L&O Letters* Early Career Publication Honor application package.

I also disclose that we (have (insert number)/do not have) pending applications for funding that may cover open access fees for the nominated publication if awarded.

Finally, I confirm that my institution does not have an agreement with any scientific publisher that would cover the APC for an Open Access publication.”

(Please include here the signature (and stamp, if applicable) of your supervisor or department head)

(You may include any additional institutional information here if applicable)