

# **BASLER AFRIKA BIBLIOGRAPHIEN**

**Namibia Resource Centre - Southern Africa Library**

# **Pricing 2026-2028**

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# Basler Afrika Bibliographien (BAB) & Opening the Future

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Prices valid at time of writing (Feb 2026), future prices subject to change.  
Updated pricing beyond 2028 will be released later in 2026 for those libraries  
whose three-year membership will begin in 2027 or subsequent years.

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## About the model

*Opening the Future* funds BPC-free open access book publishing while also broadening your own collection through an affordable subscription to closed content.

We're reshaping how knowledge dissemination is funded and accessed, by leveraging the collective contributions of academic libraries worldwide. Your *Opening the Future* membership funds the press to publish new OA monographs, while your library benefits from access to closed content, and no single institution bears a disproportionate burden. For a modest annual fee your library gets DRM-free, unlimited access to a closed-access selection of our backlist, with perpetual access after three years. The membership revenue is used by BAB solely to produce new frontlist OA monographs, moving towards an affordable, sustainable model for academic publishing and creating a collection of OA books that are open for the world.

Through investing in OtF, your local collection grows while funding future OA books with value-for-money built in: a three-year commitment to receive perpetual access to 58 titles - and simultaneously fund new OA books at BAB - is less than half an average BPC typically charged to produce a single new OA book at many publishers. Publishing the frontlist OA titles is a rolling process with no thresholds to meet: as soon as we have accrued enough membership funds to produce a title the press publishes the next book in line, and so on.

Backlist access for BAB titles is via the [African Books Collective](#) (ABC), established in 1989 to provide infrastructure for African publishers who were finding it difficult to disseminate their books to buyers and libraries in other regions. Since this time, the ABC have responded to the evolving needs of publishers and now distribute and market eBooks, undertake production work, and provide marketing services. They remain a vital infrastructure for over 150 academic and trade publishers in the region, leveraging economies of scale on their behalf to ensure their eBooks are available on major global platforms. We're pleased to be partnering with them for OtF too.

Be part of something special. Join over 100 Universities around the world already committed to *Opening the Future*.

## Books package prices

For the package of 58 books (or a single 'OA Supporter Membership,) the following annual fees apply:

| Tier   | 2026    | 2027    | 2028    |
|--|---------|---------|---------|
| UK small institutions  | £750    | £790    | £830    |
| UK medium sized institutions   | £1270   | £1335   | £1400   |
| UK large institutions  | £2000   | £2100   | £2205   |
| European small institutions  | %850    | %893    | %937    |
| European medium sized institutions   | %1450   | %1523   | %1599   |
| European large institutions  | %2300   | %2415   | %2536   |
| USA Associate,s Colleges   CRKN Bands 1–5   Rest of World (RoW) Large HEI                            | \$ 995  | \$ 1045 | \$ 1100 |
| USA Baccalaureate/Master,s Colleges & Universities   CRKN Bands 6–9   Rest of World (RoW) Medium HEI | \$ 1700 | \$ 1785 | \$ 1875 |
| USA Doctoral Universities   CRKN Bands 10–13   Rest of World (RoW) Large HEI                         | \$ 2690 | \$ 2825 | \$ 2965 |

## Three-year pre-payment option

To pre-pay the total three-year subscription at the beginning of the subscription term, the following prices apply. The one-off payment option benefits from a fixed annual price with no price increase during the 3-year term.

| Tier  | 3-year prepayment in one payment |
|---|----------------------------------|
| UK small institutions                           | £2250                            |
| UK medium sized institutions                    | £3810                            |
| UK large institutions                           | £6000                            |
| European small institutions                     | %2550                            |
| European medium sized institutions              | %4350                            |
| European large institutions                     | %6900                            |
| USA Associate,s Colleges   CRKN Bands 1–5   RoW | \$2985                           |

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| USA Baccalaureate/Master,s Colleges & Universities<br>  CRKN Bands 6–9   RoW | \$5100 |
| USA Doctoral Universities   CRKN Bands 10–13  <br>RoW                        | \$8070 |

If you would like to prepay your entire three-year subscription, please let us know.

## The small print

Membership is for a minimum of three years.

Shown in the tables are annual fees in GBP (£), Euros (€) and USD (US Dollars, \$), excluding VAT.

Due to rising publication costs, a 5% annual increase has been applied for annual payments. The slight annual rise in membership fees reflects rising inflation rates alongside rising production costs for publishers globally. This enables us to continue to use membership revenue solely to produce new OA monographs, moving towards an affordable, sustainable model for the future of academic publishing. And while the rises are around 5%, in real terms they are no more than a rise of around 40 to 130 a year.

If your institution is based in a country covered by the [Research4Life program](#), please use the lowest tier pricing.

Sign-up for libraries is facilitated by Lyrasis, a trusted non-profit library organisation based in the USA.

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| <b>To sign up as a member</b>  |
| <a href="mailto:membersupport@lyrasis.org">membersupport@lyrasis.org</a>   |
| <b>For more information</b>  |
| Lyrasis.org/BAB  |
| <a href="http://bab.openingthefuture.net">bab.openingthefuture.net</a>   |
| <a href="http://www.baslerafrika.ch">www.baslerafrika.ch</a>   |
| <a href="http://africanbookscollective.com/publishers/basler-afrika-bibliographien">africanbookscollective.com/publishers/basler-afrika-bibliographien</a> |

## **Library consortia**

If your institution is a member of a library consortium and would like to propose *Opening the Future* for consortium participation, please contact [membersupport@lyrasis.org](mailto:membersupport@lyrasis.org) for a proposal and special price.

## **Contact and questions**

Contact the BAB team with any questions about the Press: [publishing@baslerafrika.ch](mailto:publishing@baslerafrika.ch)