

## **PUBLICATION GRANTS – GRANTS FOR OPEN ACCESS PUBLICATIONS GUIDELINES & INSTRUCTIONS 2026**

### **Subsidies to support open access publications**

AFI covers publication costs in open access journals for young scientists. Free access to the latest research results is a major concern for AFI. Publications on the topic of Alzheimer's disease or Alzheimer's disease related dementias are supported with a grant of up to € 1,000. As a fundraising organization, AFI aims to facilitate open access publications and expects that other funding opportunities have been exhausted prior to application. Any difference can be requested from AFI.

### **Who can request a publication subsidy?**

PhD candidates and scientists without a leading position are eligible to apply for an AFI publication grant. Applications may be submitted throughout the entire year. Multiple applications per person for different publications are possible.

### **What is the amount of the subsidies?**

It is possible to apply for grants amounting to a grand total of € 1,000. The application is accepted based on an estimation but only actual expenses are reimbursed.

### **What are the conditions to be granted a subsidy?**

- The applicant is a first author or corresponding author and employed at a public state university or public medical centre in Germany or a German institution that belongs to the EMBL, the Fraunhofer Gesellschaft, the Helmholtz Gemeinschaft, the Leibniz Gemeinschaft or the Max-Planck-Gesellschaft.
- The article has significant relevance to research on Alzheimer's disease or Alzheimer's disease related dementia. Since 2025 we only fund original research articles and no reviews or comments.
- The selected journal publishes all articles immediately after publication with open access (True Open Access journal). Open access options for individual articles in journals requiring subscription cannot be funded.
- The journal fulfils the scientific quality criteria applicable to the respective subject and is peer-reviewed.
- Authors who publish results from externally funded projects undertake to check whether the publication costs can be covered by third-party funds earmarked for this purpose (e.g. DFG publication cost flat rate or support from the university library) and to exhaust these, if available.
- **Please include a sentence (acknowledgement) in the publication in which you mention the funding from the AFI: "We acknowledge support from Alzheimer Forschung Initiative e.V. for Open Access Publishing".**
- Latest 2 months after the open access publication, the applicant has to submit the published paper and an invoice including proof of payment.

### **How to apply?**

The following documents are to be submitted:

- A short application letter on the university's / institution's paper incl. a short written confirmation that other funding sources have already been exhausted
- Submitted manuscript

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- Layman's summary of the article in German (300-400 words)
- Proof of publication costs
- A list of other sponsors if present, including the respective sums
- PhD students submit an endorsement from their supervisor

*Please send the completed application for a publication grant by e-mail as one pdf to Pia Ellissen: [forschung@alzheimer-forschung.de](mailto:forschung@alzheimer-forschung.de)*

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