THE LYRASIS OPEN ACCESS COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM (OACIP) PROVIDES A COMMUNITY-DRIVEN FRAMEWORK THAT ENABLES MULTIPLE STAKEHOLDERS TO EVALUATE AND COLLECTIVELY FUND DIAMOND OPEN ACCESS JOURNALS THAT ARE FREE TO READ AND FREE FOR AUTHORS TO PUBLISH.

OACIP is designed to be:

**Sustainable** | Investments in OACIP support costs of labor and infrastructure as well as contingency and innovation of each journal.

**Principle-aligned** | The [OACIP Criteria Form](#) enables investors to make principled spending decisions and strategically fund programs that align with their missions.

**Inclusive** | OACIP provides a hub for Diamond open access journals published by nonprofit, academic-led publishers to sustain bibliodiversity, equity, and inclusion of scholarship.

**Collaborative** | OACIP enables an array of communities to collectively share the costs of funding scholarship.

**Efficient** | OACIP centralizes the administration and funding of individual journals or across the entire OACIP portfolio.
Observational Studies

Observational Studies (OS) is a peer-reviewed journal that publishes manuscripts on all aspects of observational studies. The journal was originally self-published and moved to the University of Pennsylvania Press in 2021. The target audience of the journal is statisticians, biostatisticians, econometricians, epidemiologists and data scientists who develop and apply novel statistical and causal inference methods for observational data.

OS is seeking $25,370 per year for three years through OACIP to cover its annual costs. To address the number of high-quality papers it receives, the journal is expanding from two issues per year to four, which will require more support and time from the editorial office. Stakeholders’ investments will provide external copy-editing services and editorial office support and will pay for additional publishing and marketing services from partner publisher, the University of Pennsylvania Press. Funds devoted to editorial office support will also help the editorial team build bandwidth to work with early career scholars and scholars working in a non-native language.

OACIP Criteria Form Response
Review OS’s OACIP Criteria Form Response

The Funding Goal
$25,370 annually for three years

Funding Tiers

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Support OACIP

Once you are ready to commit support to OACIP, complete the 2024 OACIP Supporter Information Form and an OACIP Administrator will be in touch to confirm and finalize your order. The investment window is open now through December 31, 2024.
How to Participate in OACIP

**Step 1: Evaluate the OACIP Journals.**
Visit the OACIP campaign pages of the OACIP Journals to learn more about each journal and read their responses to the OACIP Criteria Form.

**The OACIP Criteria Form**
Every OACIP Journal completes the [OACIP Criteria Form](#). Each journal’s criteria form responses are made publicly available. This enables investors to make principled spending decisions and strategically fund programs that align with their missions.

**Step 2: Consider your organization’s capacity for support.**
OACIP asks participants to make three-year commitments to fund OACIP Journals. Participants can pay annually or the full three-year commitment upfront. Levels of support for each journal are *recommended* based on the type of organization and the amount of the funding goal. *Every dollar counts!* Past OACIP supporters have given more or less than the recommended amounts depending on the value of the journal in relation to their organization’s mission and availability of funds.

Organizations can support OACIP a variety of ways:

**Support Specific OACIP Journals**
- Support one or many individual OACIP Journals; or
- Support all eight (8) 2024 OACIP Journals through the [new OACIP All 2024 Journals Bundle](#)

**Contribute to the OACIP General Fund**
Contributions to the OACIP General Fund are not dedicated to any one journal. Instead, these contributions are distributed at the end of the campaign to fill any funding gaps.

**Step 3: Complete the OACIP Supporter Information Form.**
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Any organization in the world - library, academic department, research center, museum, funding agency - is invited to support OACIP. We look forward to working with the growing OACIP Community to build something new together.

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**Questions?**
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