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The Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars of the University of Cambridge acting through its department Cambridge University Press & Assessment
Shaftesbury Road
Cambridge
CB2 8EA
United Kingdom

Attention: Stephanie Kaelin, Senior Library Sales Manager

Dear Ms. Kaelin,

Re: License Agreement between The Chancellor Masters and Scholars Of The University Of Cambridge Trading As Cambridge University Press (“the Licensor”) and the Canadian Research Knowledge Network (“the Licensee”)

This letter shall constitute an amendment of the License Agreement for the purpose of:

- extending the term of the License Agreement to January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026;
- to amend **Schedule 1 – Licensed Materials and Access Method**
- to amend **Schedule 2 – Fee** to incorporate fees for the 2025-2026 period;
- to amend **Schedule 3 – Members of the Consortium Participating in the Agreement**
- to amend **Schedule 4 – IP Addresses/Ranges of the Members Participating in the Agreement;**
- to amend **Schedule 6 – Open Access Publishing**

1. With respect to **Schedule 1 – Licensed Materials and Access Method**, this Schedule is hereby amended per the Schedule attached herein.
2. With respect to **Schedule 2 – Fee**, this Schedule is hereby amended per the Schedule attached herein.
3. With respect to **Schedule 3 – Members Of The Consortium Participating In The License Agreement**, this Schedule is hereby amended per the Schedule attached herein.
4. With respect to **Schedule 4 – IP Addresses Of The Members Participating In The License Agreement**, this Schedule is hereby amended per the Schedule attached herein.
5. With respect to **Schedule 6 – Open Access Publishing**, this Schedule is hereby amended per the Schedule attached herein.

SCHEDULE 1

LICENSED MATERIALS AND ACCESS METHOD

A schedule dated January 1, 2025 to the License Agreement January 1, 2019 between **THE CHANCELLOR MASTERS AND SCHOLARS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE TRADING AS CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PRESS** and **CANADIAN RESEARCH KNOWLEDGE NETWORK**.

THE LICENSED MATERIALS

License Agreement Start Date: January 1, 2025

License Agreement End Date: December 31, 2026

Cambridge Journals Online: the full-text content delivery service for Cambridge University Press' collection of peer-reviewed, leading journals across science, social sciences and humanities. See <https://www.cambridge.org/core>.

Temporary backfile access varies per title, and details for this access are to be included in yearly URL/title lists (for reference in 2025: 2025 Cambridge Core - Journals Full Package Title List), as well as yearly KBART title lists. The temporary, non-perpetual access included with the current package shall not be inferior to that described in the 2025 file referenced above, except in the event of a title transferring out of the package. The licensor agrees to extend the temporary back access for members to the range provided by the previous publisher upon request. The licensor shall provide a list of transfer titles with their previous publisher to the licensee in order to facilitate this request.

New Starts: New Starts are added to the Licensed Materials at no charge.

Takeover Titles: Takeover titles will be added to the Licensed Materials at no charge.

Lost Titles/Deletions: If a title ceases publication or transfers to another publisher, the Licensor shall ensure Members retain perpetual access to the Licensed Materials as provided below. Members will not receive credit for any titles leaving the Licensed Materials.

ACCESS METHOD

Unlimited use of the Licensed Materials on the Licensor's Platform.

User authentication mechanisms supported are: IP authentication and Institutional Log In via Shibboleth or Athens.

PERPETUAL ACCESS

Perpetual access to every purchased volume year. Current subscriptions within the CRKN package include perpetual online access to the purchased volume year, along with backfile access temporarily accessible during the subscription term, for most titles.

**SCHEDULE 2
FEE**

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For reference purposes, the Fees incurred per Member are as set out on the attached spreadsheet (filename: CRKN-CUP2025-2026Schedule20250312.xlsx)

All fees in US dollars.

- 2025: 2.50% base annual increase over 2024
- 2026: 2.50% base annual increase over 2025

2025 (incl. 2.50% increase): \$2,094,981.99

2026 (incl. 2.50% increase): \$2,149,719.77

TOTAL FEE: \$4,244,701.76

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

2025 – payable upon execution of this amending letter (net 60 days): \$2,094,981.99

2026 – payable on or before February 28, 2026: \$2,149,719.77

FUTURE RENEWALS

The parties agree that in future agreements no distinction will be made in pricing on the basis of when a Member joined the agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, new joiner pricing is not introductory.

SCHEDULE 3

MEMBERS OF THE CONSORTIUM PARTICIPATING IN THE LICENSE AGREEMENT

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Atlantic Region (11):

Acadia University
Cape Breton University
Dalhousie University
Memorial University of Newfoundland
Mount Allison University
Mount Saint Vincent University
Saint Mary's University
St. Francis Xavier University
Université de Moncton
University of New Brunswick
University of Prince Edward Island

Québec (13):

Concordia University
École Polytechnique de Montréal
McGill University
Université de Montréal
Université de Sherbrooke
Université du Québec:
 École de technologie supérieure
 École nationale d'administration publique
 Institut national de la recherche scientifique
 Université du Québec à Chicoutimi
 Université du Québec à Montréal
 Université du Québec à Rimouski
 Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières
Université Laval

Ontario (18):

Brock University
Carleton University
Lakehead University
Laurentian University
McMaster University
Nipissing University

Queen's University
Ryerson University
Trent University
University of Guelph
University of Ontario Institute of Technology
University of Ottawa
University of Toronto
University of Waterloo
University of Windsor
Western University
Wilfrid Laurier University
York University

Western Region (20):

Athabasca University
Brandon University
Kwantlen Polytechnic University
MacEwan University
Mount Royal University
Simon Fraser University
Thompson Rivers University
Trinity Western University
University of Alberta
University of British Columbia
University of Calgary
University of Lethbridge
University of Manitoba
University of Northern British Columbia
University of Regina
University of Saskatchewan
University of the Fraser Valley
University of Victoria
University of Winnipeg
Vancouver Island University

Associate Members (1):

NOSM University

SCHEDULE 4

IP ADDRESSES OF THE MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN THE LICENSE AGREEMENT

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See spreadsheet attached (filename: CRKN-CUP2025-2026Schedule40250304.xlsx)

SCHEDULE 6

OPEN ACCESS PUBLISHING

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1. OA Publishing Process

- 1.1. Corresponding Authors have the opportunity to publish an unlimited number of OA Articles in Cambridge OA Journals without incurring any Article Processing Charges.
- 1.2. In order to publish in a Cambridge OA Journal, the Corresponding Author must:
 - 1.2.1. have an Article accepted for publication;
 - 1.2.2. provide details of their affiliation with Licensee, when submitting their Article for publication; and
 - 1.2.3. sign a licence to publish form or equivalent documentation, as required by the Cambridge OA Journal publishing the Article, selecting a Creative Commons Licence in the process.
- 1.3. The OA publishing opportunities the Agreement offers are only available for Articles which have an acceptance date during the Term of this Agreement.
- 1.4. Articles published non-OA in Cambridge OA Journals during the Term of this Agreement will be eligible for retroactive conversion to OA provided:
 - 1.4.1. the Article was published during the Term of this Agreement; and
 - 1.4.2. the request to convert to OA is made by March 31 of the following Year after the Year the Article was published or at a later date via mutual agreement of the Licensor and Licensee (for example, an article published in March 2025 non-OA will need to be made retroactively OA before the end of March 2026 – only the Corresponding Author can request their Article be made OA and this must be done through Payment Processing Software, or correspondence directly with the Licensor). Requests for an extension of this deadline will be considered by the Licensor on a case-by-case basis.
- 1.5. If a Cambridge OA Journal is transferred to another publisher during the term of this Agreement:
 - 1.5.1. Articles which were accepted for publication will still be published in the Cambridge OA Journal, provided there is space to do so in a journal volume published before the transfer;
 - 1.5.2. All retroactive OA requests must be complete prior to the date of content file transfer to the new OA journal publisher.
- 1.6. Notwithstanding clause 1.3, if a journal is transferred to Licensor during the term of this Agreement:
 - 1.6.1. Articles which were accepted for publication before the Agreement started will be eligible for OA publication provided that, post-transfer, the journal is: (a) either hybrid or Gold OA and (b) included in Licensee's package of Subscription Products.
 - 1.6.2. Retroactive publishing will remain available until Licensor considers that this service is no longer necessary.

2. Licensor's Responsibilities

- 2.1. Licensor shall:
 - 2.1.1. verify the identity of Corresponding Authors after the acceptance of Article manuscripts, via affiliation, email domain, or ORCID.
 - 2.1.2. provide Consortium Members with a list of the Cambridge OA Journals;

- 2.1.3. provide reports to each Consortium Member detailing their respective publishing outputs, including the following information: name of Corresponding Author, university, article title, DOI, journal title, eISSN, print ISSN, OA licence applied, date first published online, Journal APC and author email; and
- 2.1.4. host information relating to the OA publishing opportunities it offers on Cambridge Core.
- 2.1.5. facilitate retroactive OA publishing, as described in clauses 1.4 and 1.5 of this Section.

3. Member Responsibilities

- 3.1. Members shall inform their researchers and authors about the Licensor's OA publishing process.

4. Exceptions and Exclusions

- 4.1. Some of Licensor's journals currently do not permit OA publishing. As such, OA publishing will initially not be available in those journals. These journals will become eligible for OA publishing on an annual basis, if and when OA options are introduced by the journal's proprietors.
- 4.2. With the unlikely exception of a society/proprietor issue outside of the control of the Licensor, Cambridge's full journal list, inclusive of New Starts and Takeovers, will be offered in 2025 and 2026.

Please indicate your agreement to the terms set out in this amendment by signing the two originals of this Amending Letter, returning one signed original to the CRKN office and retaining one signed original for your records.

Sincerely,

FOR THE LICENSEE: **CANADIAN RESEARCH KNOWLEDGE NETWORK**

Signature: _____

Name (in block capitals): CLARE APPAVOO

Position / Title: Executive Director

We agree with the terms set out in this letter.

DATED AT Ottawa, this 12th day of March 2025

FOR THE LICENSOR: **CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PRESS**

Signature: _____

Name (in block capitals): CHRIS BENNETT

Position / Title: Commercial Director, Cambridge University Press