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Journal of Universal Computer Science

Consortium Benefits and Involvement



About the Journal

The Journal of Universal Computer Science (J.UCS) is a high-quality publication which appears in digital form and printed form. J.UCS is published under ISSN und ISBN numbers, and all articles are linked to unique DOIs. The journal is free of charge for authors and open content for readers, since beginning of 2020 it is published under the creative commons "Attribution-NoDerivatives 4.0 International (CC BY-ND 4.0)" license, and with Issue 1/2021 J.UCS is hosted on an open journal platform and integrated in long-term archives. Operation and publication costs are covered by the J.UCS consortium since 2012.

J.UCS deals with all aspects of computer science and publishes at least monthly regular issues organized by the managing editors or special issues on selected topics organized by guest editors. J.UCS has been appearing monthly since 1995 and is thus one of the oldest electronic journals with uninterrupted publication since its foundation but appears also as printed version.

Among others, J.UCS is indexed in DBLP Computer Science Bibliography Server, Web of Science, Scopus and Directory of Open Access Journals. According to the 2019 JCR, the impact factor of our journal is 0.910. The 5-year impact factor is 0.885. The growing interest of the research community is reflected by an increasing number of submissions and proposals for special issues as well as an increasing number of access, which is more than 96 thousand unique visits and over 61 thousand PDF downloads.

Consortium Involvement and Benefits

In order to provide free access and free of charge publishing as well as to fund and continuously develop the journal, it has been taken the strategic decision to run J.UCS with the support of a consortium which financially and organizationally supports the journal. Thus, J.UCS offers different levels of support and engagement as platinum or gold consortium partner, as well as collaboration partner.

Consortium partner can benefit on the strengths of the journal including a long history of quality publications for more than 25 years and a well-established brand within the research community. In addition, a relatively high impact factor for computer science combined with open content and free of charge for the authors further strengthen the journal and raise awareness in the publication market.

Opportunities include increasing visibility of the consortium members in the open content community which becomes main stream in the research community and by funding agencies. It enables also increasing visibility by consortium members organizing or sponsoring special issues and managing selected topics in strategic research topics of their interests and expertise.

Consortium Support and Plans

Platinum Partner⁽¹⁾

- 20.000 Euro or more
- One seat in the steering board
- Can nominate one managing editor in chief
- Can nominate members for boards within the journal
- Can run or sponsor one special issue per year
- Can run or sponsor one focused topic within the regular issues
- Listed as platinum partner with logo within journal's online system and in printed volumes
- Listed as platinum partner in all editorials
- Support in promoting the journal
- Support in extending the editorial board and gold and collaboration partners
- Support in shaping and advancing the journal

Gold Partner⁽¹

- 5.000 Euro
- Can nominate one editor in chief
- Can suggest members for boards within the journal
- Can run or sponsor one special issue or one focused topic
- Listed as gold partner within journal's online system and in printed volumes
- Support in promoting the journal
- Support in shaping and advancing the journal

Collaboration Partner⁽¹⁾

- Listed as collaboration partner within journal's online system and in printed volumes
- Provides significant and valuable support in promoting, accessing or analyzing the journal's body of knowledge

⁽¹ All mentioned scientific activities and roles are subject of ethical and scientific reviews in line with the journal's policy and quality measures, and will be evaluated by scientific boards. As partners can only qualify research and scientific institutions. Long term commitment is preferred, at least two years commitments are expected.