

UCCS & ScienceDirect

# UCCS ScienceDirect costs

- **FY19: \$161,530**
  - 9.98% of database expenditures
  - total package cost **\$7,820,507**
  - UCCS: 2.06% of total consortial cost
- **FY20: \$167,400 (estimated)**
  - 9.84% due to negotiated increases in package
  - total package cost **\$8,152,878**
  - UCCS: 2.05% of total consortial cost



# Elsevier Profits

- ~\$1.5 billion in 2018\*  
37% profit margin in 2018\*  
(rose 2% from 2017)
- Ted Bergstrom (MIT): 59% of titles in ScienceDirect a “bad value”\*\*

\* <https://www.relx.com/~media/Files/R/RELX-Group/documents/reports/annual-reports/2018-annual-report.pdf>

\*\* <https://libraries.mit.edu/scholarly/publishing/elsevier-fact-sheet/>

# Alternatives to Current Contract

## Read and Publish model

- instead of paying separately for open-access charges and subscriptions, all costs are rolled into one fee and all articles published by the institution are open-access
- publishing output for institutions is an important factor in pricing

# Alliance Article Output

<b>Institution Name</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Average APC at \$3K/yr</b>	
University of Colorado Boulder	3909	3875	7784	3892	\$11,676,000
University of Colorado Health Sciences	2972	3215	6187	3094	\$9,280,500
Colorado State University	2410	2471	4881	2441	\$7,321,500
Auraria (MSU, UCD, CCD)	1083	1083	2166	1083	\$3,249,000
University of Wyoming	944	951	1895	948	\$2,842,500
Colorado School of Mines	763	762	1525	763	\$2,287,500
University of Denver	534	499	1033	517	\$1,549,500
<b>University of Colorado Colorado Springs</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>\$571,500</b>
University of Northern Colorado	143	131	274	137	\$411,000
USAFA	113	84	197	99	\$295,500
Regis University	67	79	146	73	\$219,000
Colorado College	76	66	142	71	\$213,000
Colorado State University Pueblo	17	15	32	16	\$48,000
Western Colorado University	0	0	0	0	\$0
Colorado Mesa University	0	0	0	0	\$0

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## Walk Away

- University of California: all ten campuses lost access to post-2018 content six months after their last deal ended
- Providing access through interlibrary loan, single purchases, open access repositories, requests from authors

# Next steps

- Negotiations begin in January and will last all year
- Regular updates to Faculty Assembly as requested