

Transformative Agreements in Progress: A Collective Singaporean Effort

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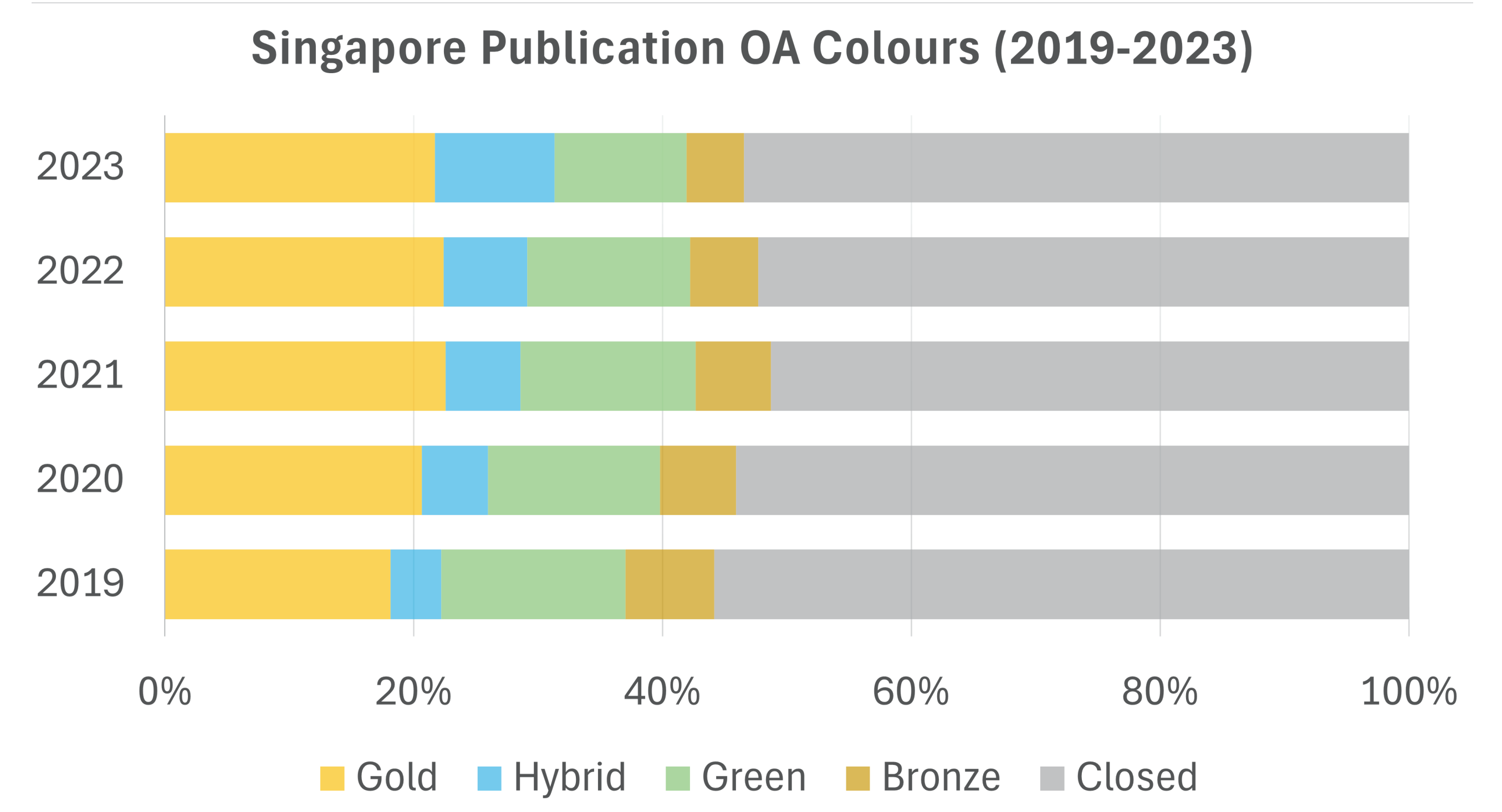
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Overview

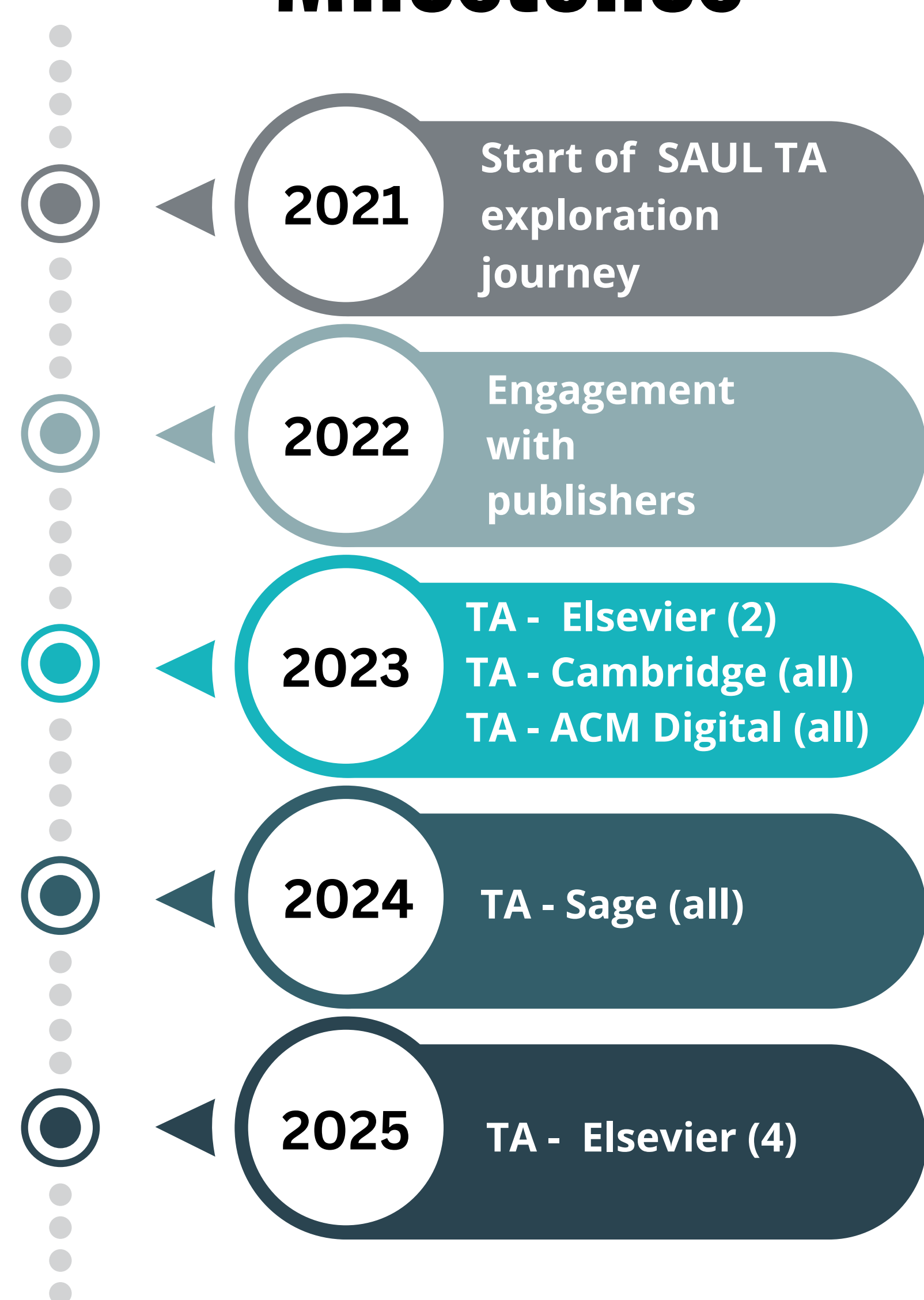
Since 2019, the total number of Gold and Hybrid Open Access (OA) publications in Singapore have surpassed Green OA, reflecting a shift toward more accessible research.

Initially, SAUL members pursued Transformative Agreements (TAs) individually to lower APCs and expand research visibility. By 2021, they united as a consortium to negotiate collectively, leveraging their combined influence for better outcomes.

This collaboration has driven significant progress, increasing Gold and Hybrid OA publications and advancing equitable access to research.



Progress and Milestones



Note: The number of participating members is shown in parentheses, with SAUL comprising 6 members.

Key Drivers and Goals

- Achieve cost neutral for the university's reading and publishing activities
- Increase university's research visibility and impact

Lowering faculty's APC burdens

Ensuring fair access to knowledge

Aligning with OA policies

Achievements to Date



32% of the total citations are from Gold & Hybrid articles

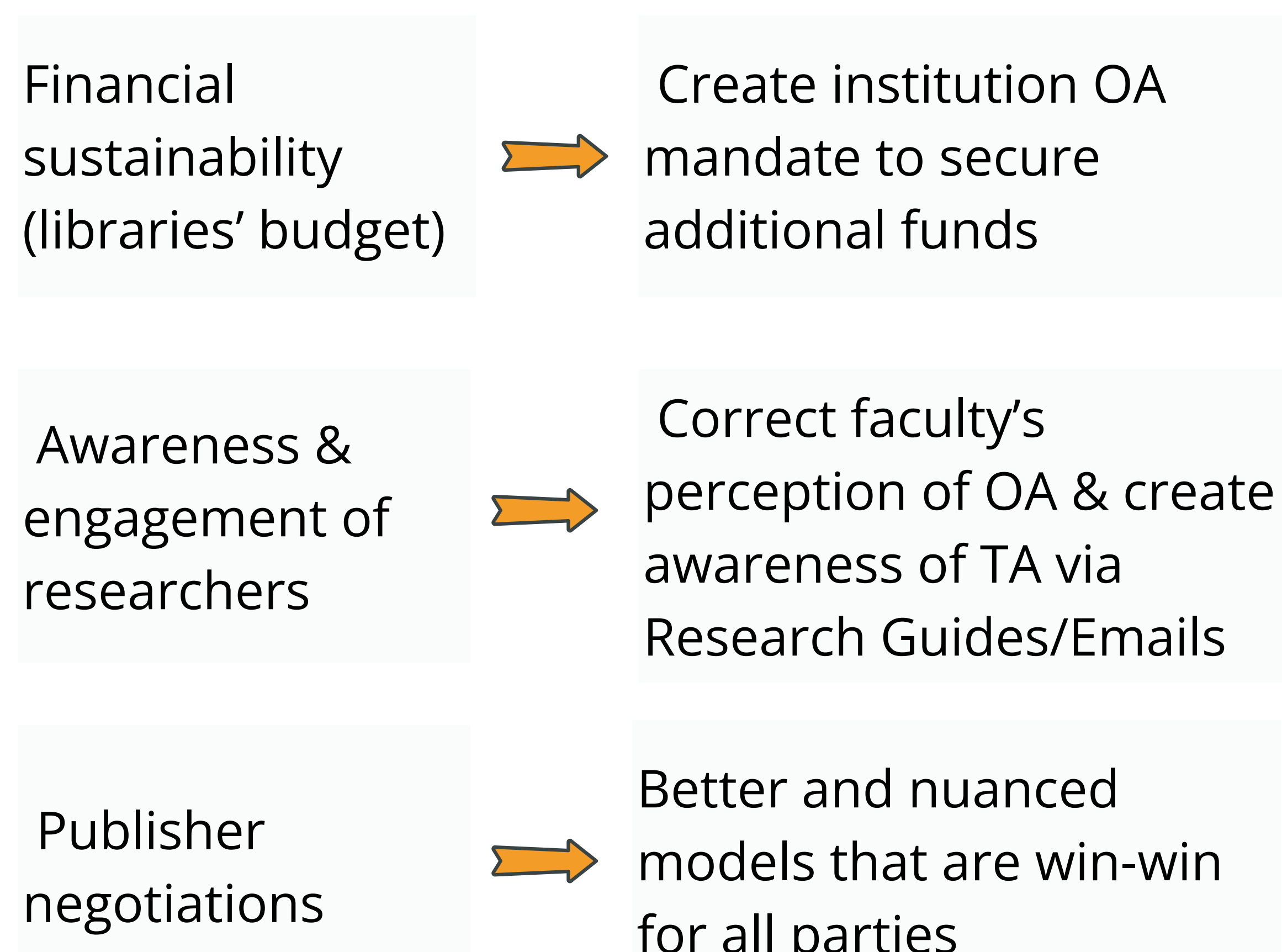


US\$21M APC savings based on an average APC of US\$2.5K



4 TAs signed within 2 years with increasing SAUL members participation

Challenges



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