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The unprecedented State of California budget shortfall will result in a reduction to the State General Fund support for the University of California's budget by nearly \$800 million over the next two fiscal years, 2008-09 and 2009-10. While there are still many unknowns, we do know that every aspect of the UC System will be affected, including a reduction in funding earmarked for collections. Targeted reductions to collections vary across the campuses and some are already as high as 20%. The UC Libraries are engaged in discussion on a number of fronts to identify the most effective ways to support new models for scholarly publications and to stretch our collective collection funds to continue to build the research collections that are a hallmark of the UC System.

The UC Libraries and the California Digital Library have issued an Open Letter to Licensed Content Providers urging publishers and vendors to consider the California budget climate in their negotiations with UC. The letter is available at:

[http://www.cdlib.org/news/pdf/UC\\_Libraries\\_Open\\_Letter\\_to\\_Vendors.pdf](http://www.cdlib.org/news/pdf/UC_Libraries_Open_Letter_to_Vendors.pdf)

If you serve as a member of a journal's editorial board, please consider promoting the UC Libraries' statement as well as two important additional statements from the library community in which we have asked publishers to keep renewal rates in line with the realities of the global economic crisis and reduce the rate of development of new products for the library marketplace. These statements are available at:

\*Association of Research Libraries. ARL Statement to Scholarly Publishers on the Global Economic Crisis

<http://www.arl.org/bm~doc/economic-statement-2009.pdf>

\*International Coalition of Library Consortia. Statement on the Global Economic Crisis and its Impact on Consortial Licenses

<http://www.library.yale.edu/consortia/icolec-econcrisis-0109.htm>

At UC San Diego, the Collection Coordinators for each library are engaging in cost-cutting scenarios, in anticipation of reduced funding to collections. Journals that are duplicated in more than one library location have been carefully reviewed and cut back. Journals that are duplicated in print and electronic form have been reviewed, and print subscriptions cut wherever possible. New journal titles may be added if a title of corresponding value is cancelled, if it can be funded permanently from the monographic budget, or if additional external funds can be identified to cover the cost. Monographic purchasing is proceeding more cautiously than in the past, but in a more coordinated way UC-wide. We are purchasing fewer titles that are duplicated across the campuses, preferring rather to acquire unique titles in an effort to extend the depth and breadth of our collective holdings.

We will update this section of the Collections website, as more detailed information and definite dollar amounts become available.

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