

Article Galaxy MCP

The Order Desk Inside The AI Conversation

The Article Galaxy MCP brings ordering, rights checks, and availability lookups into the researcher's AI assistant. It does not bring publisher content into the AI.



How It Works: Five Facts

- 1 **The AI never receives the article.** Not for paywalled content, and not even after a legitimate purchase. The licensed PDF is delivered to the researcher through their Article Galaxy account, under the same terms as any other order. What the AI sees is structured data: availability, pricing, rights status, metadata, and short DOI-attributed citation-context passages. Never the body of the article.
- 2 **AI use of an article is a separate, licensed right.** A standard purchase authorizes individual use, exactly as it always has. Analyzing an article with AI tools requires a distinct per-article AI/TDM Rights grant, with strict contractual limits: no model training, no permanent retention, capped verbatim snippets with DOI attribution, and internal use only. Articles published under CC-BY are the one exception, because their license already permits this.
- 3 **No publisher agreement, no AI option.** The AI/TDM Rights program exists only for publishers who choose to participate. Where a publisher has not joined, no AI-use option is offered at all, and the standard purchase path continues unchanged. Where a publisher does participate, every grant is a per-article fee: incremental revenue from a use case that previously went unlicensed and unmonitored.
- 4 **Publishers see the activity regularly.** Regular statements cover both document delivery transactions and AI/TDM Rights purchases, itemized at the title level. You can track demand, reconcile revenue against your agreement, and watch how AI-driven usage of your content develops over time.
- 5 **One user, one article, one authorization.** Every retrieval is a single authenticated individual requesting a single article, scoped to their entitlements and quota, enforced server-side. There is no bulk access, no crawling, and no corpus export. An AI tool connected through the MCP can do exactly what its human user could do in Article Galaxy directly. Nothing more.
- 6 **Everything is off by default and fully auditable.** MCP access is an account-level grant that must be explicitly enabled. Each user authenticates with individual credentials that are never shared with the AI client, every order requires explicit user authorization, and all activity is logged.

Common Questions

Does Article Galaxy run an AI model on publisher content? No. All language generation happens in the researcher's own AI tool. Article Galaxy returns structured data and fulfills authorized orders. It does not see, store, or process the researcher's prompts, and publisher content is never used to train AI models, by Article Galaxy or by anyone through Article Galaxy.

If someone buys an article, can their AI tool then summarize it? Only with an additional AI/TDM Rights grant, and only where the publisher participates in the program. The Article Galaxy MCP does not deliver PDFs to the AI in any capacity.

Is this available for academic institutions? The AI/TDM Rights program currently serves Article Galaxy's corporate and enterprise accounts. We welcome conversations with publishing partners about academic distribution models as demand for rights-cleared AI workflows grows.



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