

Open Access Policies

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Open Access – What Is It?

Open access literature is digital, online, free of charge, and free of most copyright and licensing restrictions.

- Peter Suber

Open Access: What it Isn't

- It **isn't** free of cost
 - Less expensive to produce
 - Free for readers, not free for producers
- It **isn't** copyright-averse
 - Copyright in hand of producers rather than publishers
 - Sharing, not stealing
- It **isn't** incompatible with peer review
 - Peer review procedures both traditional and innovative
- It **isn't** restricted by discipline or format
 - Open Access can apply to monographs, media, and software
 - Medicine and sciences, yes; also relevant to humanities and social sciences
- It **isn't** “self-publishing”
 - Not to be confused with self-archiving
- It **isn't** low quality
 - Prestige shouldn't be confused with quality
 - But watch out for bad pennies!

Two Roads to Open Access



1) Open Access publishing
(aka **Gold OA**)

(not quite Gold OA—hybrid
open access publishing)

2) Author self-archiving
(aka **Green OA**)

Open Access Policies

Recommended: University granted non exclusive rights to future research articles, with faculty waiver option

Not recommended:

1. Authors required to negotiate with publishers to retain rights
2. No rights granted or retained, only requires deposit in repository
3. No rights granted or retained, deposit only required where publisher allowed
4. OA encouraged or requested with or without option to “opt in”

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Features of Enacted OA Policies

- Grant of non-exclusive rights to the institution
- Deposit in the repository
 - Applicable version – final version of peer reviewed manuscript
 - Deposit immediately upon acceptance, but embargoes honored
- Waiver upon request without offer of justification
- Scholarly articles only – not creative works or royalty generating works
- Prospective application
- Transfer of rights
- Implementation responsibility

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