

Thank you for your interest in Open Access at OSU. On the next page, you will find the proposed open access policy.

CONTEXT: There is an increasing move towards providing public (open) access to research and scholarship conducted at universities, motivated in part by open access mandates from federal agencies. The NIH has required funded investigators to deposit manuscripts into the PubMed Central open access repository for several years; and through a recent memorandum, the Obama administration's Office of Science and Technology Policy now requires a similar action for investigators funded through other federal agencies, including the NSF and the USDA. An OSU open access policy would position our faculty to comply with these emerging requirements, and greatly expand the accessibility of their articles. OSU would be the first major land grant university, as well as the first university in the Pacific Northwest, to adopt an open access policy, although units such as CEOAS, College of Forestry, and OSU Libraries have previously passed their own open access policies.

Please note that this draft policy is based closely on policies already in place at other universities, including Kansas, Georgia Tech, University of California at San Francisco, Duke, Harvard, and MIT. Furthermore, OSU's Legal Counsel has reviewed a prior draft and offered suggestions. Because the issue of open access is just now receiving attention on a national scale, publisher policies regarding open access are in flux, though there is a distinct trend towards allowing more open access through institutional repositories (such as ScholarsArchive@OSU). However, to be as flexible as possible, library staff will be sensitive to publishers' embargo periods when depositing articles into ScholarsArchive@OSU. *Faculty may continue to publish in the journals of their choice, and waivers to OSU's open access policy will be available.*

Finally, there is an FAQ to accompany this policy draft. The FAQ provides further details on some of the language choices, as well as how the policy will be implemented. The FAQ can be found through the Library's Center for Digital Scholarship:

<http://cdss.library.oregonstate.edu/open-access>

Thank you for taking time to review this policy.

Oregon State University Open Access Policy

In recognition of Oregon State University's land-grant mission, the Faculty is committed to disseminating its research and scholarship as widely as possible. In addition to the public benefit of such dissemination, this policy is intended to serve faculty interests by promoting greater reach and impact for articles. Based on these guiding principles, the Faculty adopts the following policy: Each Faculty member grants to Oregon State University permission to make available his or her scholarly articles and to reproduce and distribute those articles for the purpose of open dissemination. In legal terms, each Faculty member grants Oregon State University a nonexclusive, irrevocable, royalty-free, worldwide license to exercise any and all rights under copyright relating to each of his or her scholarly articles, in any medium, and to authorize others to do the same, provided that the articles are not sold for a profit. This policy is not intended to alter a Faculty member's claim of copyright ownership of his or her scholarly article.

The policy applies to all scholarly articles authored or co-authored while the person is a member of the Oregon State University Faculty and completed after the adoption of this policy. At the request of a Faculty member via an online form, the OSU Faculty Senate Library Committee, as the Provost's designate, will waive application of the license for a particular article, or delay access to a particular article for a specified period of time.

To assist the University in distributing the articles, each Faculty member will provide an electronic copy of the accepted (post-peer review, pre-typeset) manuscript of the article at no charge to the appropriate representative of the OSU Libraries in an appropriate format as may be specified by the OSU Libraries (such as PDF). The OSU Libraries may make the article available to the public in its open access repository.

In coordination with the Provost's office, the Faculty Senate Library Committee will be responsible for interpreting this policy, resolving disputes concerning its interpretation and application, and recommending changes to the Faculty from time to time. The Library Committee will report back to the Faculty Senate within three years on the impact of this policy.