

Rutgers Open Access Policy Implementation Plan For Rutgers University Libraries Faculty

The Rutgers Open Access Policy goes into effect September 1, 2015. Beginning on that date, each member of the Rutgers University Libraries faculty will deposit in SOAR (Scholarly Open Access at Rutgers), at the time of acceptance for publication, any scholarly article accepted for publication on or after that date. SOAR is accessed at: <http://soar.rutgers.edu>

Note: “Scholarly article,” for the purposes of the Policy, generally refers to any peer-reviewed journal article, conference proceeding, or similar work, created without expectation of payment. It does not include books, commissioned articles, artworks, popular writings, fiction, poetry, or pedagogical materials such as lecture notes and videos, case studies, etc. While the University policy does not require deposit of these other types of materials, we encourage faculty to deposit any scholarly work into SOAR.

Further, when submitting to the Libraries or to the University a citation for any work covered under the policy, each faculty member will provide the open access SOAR DOI. In addition, the citation should include the DOI to the publisher’s official Version of Record (if available). Listings to which Libraries faculty submit citations include:

- area updates reported by the Libraries to the University
- materials related to an RUL faculty member’s promotion and/or tenure action (1-L, CV, and other materials sent to external reviewers)
- Libraries' mid-year and annual reports

Sample citation:

Otto, Jane J. “A Sound Strategy for Preservation: Adapting Audio Engineering Society Technical Metadata for Use in Multimedia Repositories,” *Cataloging and Classification Quarterly* 48 (no. 5), June, 2010: 403-422. DOI: 10.1080/01639371003757012. Accepted manuscript available open access at <http://dx.doi.org/doi:10.7282/T3WW7G11>.

The Rutgers Open Access Policy allows an opt-out for a specific article at the express direction of a scholar (in the case of the scholar needing a waiver from a particular publisher, for instance). Each publication authored or co-authored by a member of the RUL faculty is to be deposited in SOAR, unless an opt-out has been received for a particular work. Inclusion in SOAR allows the University to gather all Rutgers scholarship in one place, so deposit is expected even when an article is already published in an open access journal or repository.

The Rutgers University Open Access Policy is posted at <http://policies.rutgers.edu/50317-currentpdf>. Additional information about Open Access may be found on the Libraries' “Research Services” page: http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/researchers/open_access. Extensive FAQs about the policy and deposit may be found, along with a Contact Us link for additional assistance, on the SOAR site: <http://soar.rutgers.edu>.