

The Rutgers Open Access Policy and SOAR (Scholarly Open Access at Rutgers, soar.rutgers.edu)

The Rutgers University Senate, on October 19, 2012, overwhelmingly passed a resolution to

“establish, in consultation with University Counsel, a University-wide Open Access policy wherein Rutgers faculty and scholars, including graduate students and postdoctoral researchers, shall provide open access to all works that are produced without expectation of payment, subject to waivers and embargoes upon request by an individual author for a specific work. ...”

In practice, this means

**Rutgers authors deposit legal copies of scholarly articles into SOAR (soar.rutgers.edu)
at the time of the article’s final acceptance for publication, at no cost to them,
making scholarship freely accessible to readers and researchers worldwide on the Internet.
SOAR is a service of RUcore, the University’s institutional repository.**

**Open Access at Rutgers showcases University scholarship in one place,
preserves access over time, allows authors to retain rights to their works,
and ensures greater visibility and impact for Rutgers research worldwide.**

🌀 The Policy is in effect as of September 1, 2015 🌀

OPEN ACCESS AND THE RUTGERS MISSION

Responsibility of a public research university
Greater visibility for Rutgers scholarship
Facilitates Rutgers strategic goals of greater international impact and collaboration
Builds on earlier Rutgers OA initiatives, including Electronic Theses & Dissertations
Responds to NIH and other outside funder mandates
Aligns Rutgers with AAU colleague institutions

OPEN ACCESS POLICY AT RUTGERS

- Found in Rutgers Policy Library
- For all Rutgers faculty, doctoral students, & postdocs
- Scholarly articles, conference papers, etc.
- Prospectively applied from September 1, 2015
- Accommodates disciplinary differences
- Embargoes, opt-outs and waivers for any given article
- Rutgers and authors retain some rights
- Focus on public access for readers/researchers

SOAR (Scholarly Open Access at Rutgers)

- Simple and easy for authors
- Crawled by Google
- Disseminates Rutgers research sooner
- Demonstrates impact through usage statistics
- Provides permanent links (DOIs) authors can use
- Links supplementary data with publications
- SOAR staff researches publisher permissions
- A service of RUcore, the institutional repository

If you’d like, check your journal or publisher policies at SHERPA/RoMEO: www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo

SELECTED OPEN ACCESS POLICY INSTITUTIONS & THEIR REPOSITORIES

Duke University (DukeSpace)	dukespace.lib.duke.edu/dspace
Emory University (OpenEmory)	open.library.emory.edu
Harvard University (DASH)	dash.harvard.edu
Mass. Institute of Technology (DSpace@MIT)	dspace.mit.edu
Princeton University	
Rice University (Digital Scholarship Archive)	scholarship.rice.edu
Stanford University School of Education (Stanford Digital Repository)	library.stanford.edu/research/stanford-digital-repository
University of California (entire system) (eScholarship)	escholarship.org
University of Kansas (KUScholarWorks)	kuscholarworks.ku.edu

For the text of individual Open Access policies, visit ROARMAP: roarmap.eprints.org

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RESOURCES

SOAR (Scholarly Open Access at Rutgers)	soar.rutgers.edu
Open Access Overview	earlham.edu/~peters/fos/overview.htm
Open Access by Peter Suber (MIT Press)	mitpress.mit.edu/books/open-access
Budapest Open Access Initiative	budapestopenaccessinitiative.org
SPARC on Open Access	arl.org/sparc/openaccess/index.shtml
Open Access Citation Advantage: summary of studies	http://sparceurope.org/oaca
RUcore, the Rutgers institutional repository	rucore.libraries.rutgers.edu
RUresearch data portal in RUcore	rucore.libraries.rutgers.edu/research

For the full Senate Open Access Subcommittee report, including draft policy and resolution, go to
senate.rutgers.edu/RGPEConS1103onOpenAccessOctober2012.pdf
or go to the Rutgers Open Access Policy webpage
www.libraries.rutgers.edu/researchers/open_access

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