RUTGERS OPEN ACCESS POLICY

On October 19, 2012, the Rutgers University Senate overwhelmingly passed a resolution recommending the University establish an Open Access policy for faculty and graduate students to make their publications openly available in the institutional repository, RUcore.

Why a Policy?

• Showcases all University scholarship in one place
• Preserves access over time
• Allows authors to retain rights to their works
• Ensures greater visibility and impact for Rutgers research worldwide

Open Access & 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 (ETDs, FRPAA)
• Responds to outside funder mandates (NIH)
• Aligns Rutgers with AAU colleague institutions and premiere research institutions like Harvard, MIT, Cornell, Duke, et al.

How Does it Work?

• Author publishes in journal of choice, at no cost
• Rutgers and authors retain some rights
• Publication can link to its underlying data
• Primarily scholarly articles, prospectively applied
• Accommodating disciplinary differences

RUL Moves Forward

• Incorporate into strategic planning
• Participate in implementation planning
• Develop educational programs
• Plan communication venues (coffees, brown bags)
• Engage faculty
• Build RUL scholarly communication website
• Continue development of RUcore tools
• Develop programs to educate the Rutgers community in the broader issues of open access and scholarly communication

Rutgers Community Repository

Bringing Rutgers Scholarship to New Jersey and the World