The Rutgers Open Access Policy

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 the University’s digital repository (RUcore), at no cost to them, making scholarship freely accessible to readers and researchers on the Internet.

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.

Implementation planning by a University-wide team is currently underway

The Policy goes into effect 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 (Electronic Theses and Dissertations, FRPAA)
Responds to NIH and other outside funder mandates
Aligns Rutgers with AAU colleague institutions

OPEN ACCESS POLICY AT RUTGERS

- For all Rutgers faculty and scholars
- Scholarly articles (as publisher allows)
- 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

RUcore, THE RUTGERS REPOSITORY

- Already includes articles, RU dissertations
- Crawled by Google
- Disseminates Rutgers research sooner
- Demonstrates impact through usage data
- Provides permanent links (DOIs) authors can use
- Underlying data can link with publication itself
- Simple and easy for authors

Check your journal or publisher’s policies at the SHERPA/RoMEO website: 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/dspace

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RESOURCES

Open Access Overview www.earlham.edu/~peters/fos/overview.htm
Open Access by Peter Suber (MIT Press) mitpress.mit.edu/books/open-access
Budapest Open Access Initiative www.budapestopenaccessinitiative.org
SPARC on Open Access www.arl.org/sparc/openaccess/index.shtml
Effect of open access on citation impact: a bibliography opcit.eprints.org/oacitation-biblio.html
ROARMAP (Registry of Open Access Repositories Mandatory Archiving Policies) roarmap.eprints.org
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 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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