

An Open Access Policy at Rutgers

The Rutgers University Senate will vote in October, 2012, on 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 all 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.

Senate RGPEC Open Access Subcommittee

Jane Otto (Chair), Senator; Media & Music Metadata Librarian, Rutgers University Libraries

Robert M. Goodman, Senator; Executive Dean of Agriculture and Natural Resources; Executive Dean, SEBS;
Executive Director, New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station

Victor Greenhut, Senator; Professor, Materials Science and Engineering

Jerome J. Kukor, Senator; Professor and Dean, Graduate School – New Brunswick

Laura Bowering Mullen, Co-Chair, RUL Committee on Scholarly Communication; Behavioral Sciences Librarian

John Ottomanelli, Senator; Ph.D. candidate; alumni representative to the Senate

Presentations

- Rutgers University Libraries Advisory Committee (March 26)
- Newark Faculty Council (April 2)
- Camden faculty (April 9)
- SEBS Chairs Council (April 25)
- Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs’ Council (May 7)
- New Brunswick Faculty Council (May 11)
- Graduate School--New Brunswick Executive Council (May 22)

Phase Two: An implementation plan will be developed by a university-wide team and will ensure convenient workflows for faculty authors.

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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 (FRPAA, ETDs)
Responds to outside funder mandates (NIH)
Aligns Rutgers with AAU colleague institutions

PROPOSED OPEN ACCESS POLICY AT RUTGERS

- For all Rutgers faculty and scholars
- Scholarly articles (as publisher allows)
- Prospectively applied
- 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
- Implementation will be Phase II

HOW DOES IT WORK?

- Rutgers institutional repository: RUcore (already includes Rutgers scholarship, ETDs, etc.)
- Crawled by Google
- Disseminates Rutgers research sooner
- Showcases all Rutgers scholarship in one place
- Ensures access over time
- Demonstrates impact through usage data
- Provides permanent links authors can use
- Underlying data can link with publication itself

RESOURCES

Open Access Overview - <http://www.earlham.edu/~peters/fos/overview.htm>

Budapest Open Access Initiative - www.soros.org/openaccess

SPARC (Scholarly Publishing & Academic Resources Coalition) on Open Access
<http://www.arl.org/sparc/openaccess/index.shtml>

Effect of Open Access on citation impact - <http://opcit.eprints.org/oacitation-biblio.html>

ROARMAP (Registry of Open Access Repositories Mandatory Archiving Policies) - <http://roarmap.eprints.org>

RUcore, the Rutgers institutional repository - <http://rucore.libraries.rutgers.edu>

RUresearch Data Portal in RUcore - <http://rucore.libraries.rutgers.edu/research>

SELECTED INSTITUTIONS WITH OPEN ACCESS POLICIES (<http://roarmap.eprints.org>)

Case Western Reserve University

Cornell University

Duke University

<http://library.duke.edu/openaccess/duke-openaccess-policy.html>

Emory University

Harvard (FAS, Business, Law School, Medical School)

<http://osc.hul.harvard.edu/policies>

Mass. Institute of Technology

<http://libraries.mit.edu/sites/scholarly/mit-open-access/open-access-at-mit/mit-open-access-policy>

Princeton University

Stanford University School of Education

<http://ed.stanford.edu/faculty-research/open-archive/oapolicy>

University of California

University of Florida (proposed)

University of Kansas

<https://documents.ku.edu/policies/governance/OpenAccess.htm>

University of Virginia (proposed)

Check your journal or publishers' policies at the SHERPA/RoMEO website:

<http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/>