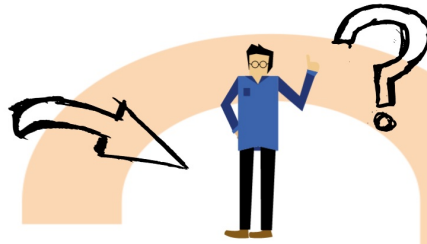


# Open Access for researchers: mandates, recommendations, strengths... What do you need to know?

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Research funding agencies request Open Access publications.



How do I make my publication Open Access?

There are two ways authors can provide Open Access (OA). Before publishing you need to decide which is the better option for you:

## GREEN OA

In the Green OA route, you self-archive your work in an OA repository (thematic, institutional, central, etc.)



Cheaper. You pay no fee



Wider journal possibilities. You can publish in many "traditional" journals and then archive your work in a repository



Embargo period (often longer than the funder's mandatory period)

## GOLDEN OA

In the Golden OA route, you publish in OA journals such as PLoS, Biomed Central, etc., or in a regular journal with an OA option.



It's the easy way to make your work accesible to all the scientific community



The author keeps the copyright, so is able to distribute the work freely (i.e. personal/laboratory website, Research Gate, Mendeley...)



High cost. You pay an additional fee

## The Library and Information Service can help you!

### BEFORE PUBLICATION:

- Negotiating copyright with publishers (if possible)
- Advising on creative commons licenses when publishing in Open Access
- Managing and paying membership options with Open Access editors (Biomed Central, PLoS, etc.)

### AFTER PUBLICATION:

- Helping you to archive the documents in the right repository, consulting Sherpa/Romeo DB and publishers to learn about the copyright policies
- Selecting the appropriate version to archive in each case (pre-print, post-print, publisher's version...)
- Advising on the management of research data
- Providing information about the open access mandates of the funding agencies

### Some OA Mandates

- ERC. Deposit documents in PubMed Central 6 months after publication
- Horizon 2020. Deposit the works in any appropriate repository at the earliest possible opportunity (up to 12 months)
- Comunidad de Madrid. Requires deposition in any appropriate repository.
- Art. 37. Ley de la Ciencia (2011)
- Others (Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Wellcome Trust, NIH, etc.)

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- Theses
- Teaching Materials
- Conference papers
- Posters and Presentations

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