Open Access Policy

Introduction and background

Open Access to research publications involves making them freely available online rather than charging readers to read and use them.

Open Access to research data makes data more widely available for re-use by others to support research, innovation and wider public use.

UKRI and other research funders have policies that require open access for journal articles, monographs, edited collections, and book chapters.

London Metropolitan University Open Access Policy

1. The University is committed to disseminating its research and scholarship as widely as possible. In keeping with that commitment, it supports the principle that 'the results of research that have been publicly funded should be freely accessible in the public domain' and therefore it supports its staff in making their research available through Open Access (OA).

2. The University recommends Green OA (self-archiving) as the most cost-effective, sustainable way to achieve greater public access to research outputs and supports Green OA through the development of its institutional repository, or through subject-based repositories and other open websites.

3. The University will support Gold OA, whereby the author is usually required to pay an Article Processing Charge (APC) to publish in an OA journal, where funding is made available for this purpose by the research funder, and will consider claims to use university funds for Gold OA in other, exceptional, cases.

4. The University supports the use of the widest form of licensing so that the article may be read and re-used. CC-BY is currently required by the published RCUK policy; this allows articles to be read and re-used for both non-commercial and commercial purposes.

- Funder mandates are evolving and this policy may need regular review. Our policy is currently guided by the UKRI Open Access Policy.