

Building the Health Knowledge Commons: Open access, human Rights, and what the commons means for researchers and editors

Brief update on OA Mandates

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- Canadian Institutes of Health
- European Research Council
- National Institutes of Health
- Harvard Faculty of Arts and Science

"The aim is to establish a policy that will both help researchers **gain access** to the products of research and support CIHR's efforts in facilitating the translation and use of knowledge, while taking into account **ethical and legal** considerations. Furthermore, as a recipient of public funds there is an **obligation to Canadians** to ensure that the results and products of research supported by CIHR are disseminated as widely as possible so that **all parties benefit** from these research outcomes."

- Submit manuscript to a journal that offers **immediate open access** or offers open access to the manuscript on its website within **six months**
- Submit manuscript to a journal that does not offer open access, but will permit you to **archive** the peer-reviewed manuscript in a **central or institutional repository** within **6 months** of publication
- This policy also applies to the availability of **datasets**

European Research Council

- All peer-reviewed publications from ERC-funded research projects be **deposited on publication** into an appropriate research repository where available, such as PubMed Central, ArXiv or an institutional repository, and **subsequently made Open Access within 6 months** of publication
- Essential that **primary data are deposited** to the relevant databases as soon as possible, preferably immediately after publication and in any case **not later than 6 months** after the date of publication

National Institutes of Health

- New **legislation**
- **All** NIH-funded research published in peer-reviewed journals
- **Must** send a copy of the final manuscript upon acceptance to PubMed Central and allows for up to 12 months of embargo
- **Authors retain the right** to comply with NIH policy, even if they transfer other rights to publisher
- Only requires NIH grantee compliance

Harvard FAS OA Mandate

- Harvard FAS first US university-level OA mandate
- Policy focused on **permissions** rather than deposits
 - Faculty provide Harvard non-exclusive permission to “exercise any and all rights under copyright” over their scholarly articles, which includes **permission to disseminate OA copies** through institutional repositories
 - Faculty send digital copies of their articles to the Provost’s Office
- 12 other institutional mandates and 3 departmental mandates in nine countries: Australia, Belgium, France, India, Portugal, Russia, Switzerland, Turkey and the UK