

OPEN SOLUTIONS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MALTA

INSTITUTIONAL REPOSITORY AND OA POLICY

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Open solutions at the UM

**Institutional
Repository**



**Open Access
Policy**



**Open Science
Department**

Institutional Repository

OAR@UoM

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Institutional Repository which serves as a platform to collect, preserve and disseminate the intellectual output of the UM in digital format.

<https://www.um.edu.mt/library/oar/>

- Launched in September 2014;
- Dspace software;
- September 2014-December 2015 - 5610 uploaded items (c. 350 items per month);
- 31 March 2017 - 15,410 uploaded items;
- 9 staff members uploading on a part-time basis (3 for dissertations, 6 for research output);
- Currently between 800-1000 new items per month.

Open Access Policy

The UM's Open Access policy is a legally binding document which ensures that all research produced under the auspices of the University of Malta is made available in Open Access.

- The UM strongly favors Green Open Access as a sustainable and effective means of providing access to research outputs;
- UM will support Gold Open Access if funding for APCs is available;
- For the purpose of evaluation, the UM will only consider publications whose metadata and full texts are deposited on OAR@UoM.

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The remit of this Department is to support the effective dissemination of research and data produced under the auspices of the UM, promote Open Science and populate the UM's Institutional Repository - OAR@UoM.

- Enhance awareness about the importance of making research available in Open Access;
- Provide support and advice on copyright clearance, licences, embargo periods, and any other issues pertaining to OA publishing;
- Provide training workshops for researchers on how to submit research material on OAR@UoM.



Why the need of an OA Policy?

1.
To guarantee that any research output produced under the auspices of the UM is published in OA

2.
To ensure the identification and long-term preservation of the UM's research output

3.
To facilitate wider dissemination and visibility for both the UM and its researchers

OPEN ACCESS POLICY COMPILATION



IDENTIFYING A WORKING GROUP WITHIN THE LIBRARY

Ms Josianne Camilleri Vella, Mr Mark Poulton, Ms Stefania Galea, Ms Charlene Camilleri, Ms Kaja Slonina, Mr Ryan Scicluna.



LITERATURE REVIEW - EVALUATION OF SEVERAL DOCUMENTS REGARDING OA POLICIES

H2020 Guidelines on OA to Scientific Publications and Research Data in H2020;
Fact Sheet OA to publications and Data in H2020: FAQ;
The OpenAIRE Guide for Research Institutions.



LITERATURE REVIEW - EVALUATION OF SEVERAL SELECTED OPEN ACCESS POLICIES



IDENTIFYING THE THEMES THAT CONSTITUTE AN OA POLICY

Definitions relating to OA Policy, responsibilities of stakeholders involved, copyright issues, waiver options and embargo periods, licences issues etc.



COMPILING THE FIRST DRAFT



VERIFYING THE POLICY BY DIFFERENT STAKEHOLDERS

Library Management, UM Legal Executive, UM Project Support Office, UM Finance Directorate, University of Minho.



AMENDING THE POLICY ACCORDING TO THE STAKEHOLDERS' SUGGESTIONS



RECTORATE STAGE

Open Access Policy was put on hold due to the change of the Rectorate.



CREATING OPEN SCIENCE DEPARTMENT



RECTORATE STAGE VOL.2

Open Access Policy was verified by the Rectorate. Some minor changes were suggested.



VERIFICATION OF THE POLICY BY ADDITIONAL STAKEHOLDERS

Teacher's Unions, University of Malta Academic Staff Association, representatives selected from the researchers community.



COLLECTING FEEDBACK AND AMENDING THE POLICY

The Open Access Policy is now ready to be presented in front of the Senate in May 2017.

DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED - LESSONS LEARNT

**1.
LACK OF LEGAL
KNOWLEDGE AND
TRAINING ON
POLICY MAKING**

OAR@UoM is the first and only Repository in the country. So is the Policy. All tasks had to be carried out by the UM Library.

No Policy on the national level - no guidelines, no example to follow.

**2.
THE NEED TO
INVOLVE OTHER
ENTITIES MADE
THE PROCESS
LONGER AND
COMPLICATED**

UM Legal Executive, UM Project Support Office, UM Finance Directorate, University of Minho, Rectorate, Teacher's Unions, University of Malta Academic Staff Association, representatives selected from the researchers community.

**3.
ALL SUGGESTIONS
HAD TO BE TAKEN
INTO
CONSIDERATION**

Involvement of many entities caused the need for additional research. Each suggestion had to be verified and either implemented or rejected, always with additional argumentation.

FUTURE PLANS

- **Further promotion of OA initiatives and OAR@UoM, OA Champions;**
- **Open Access Policy on the national level;**
- **Open science blog;**
- **Open research data.**



Thank
you!

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**DO YOU HAVE AN OA POLICY
AT YOUR INSTITUTION?
WHAT WERE/ARE THE MAJOR
DIFFICULTIES?
WHAT WAS THE REACTION
FROM THE RESEARCHERS?**