Policy for open access in Research Excellence Framework 2021

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This document sets out the details of a requirement that certain research outputs should be made open-access to be eligible for submission to the next Research Excellence Framework (REF). This requirement will apply to journal articles and conference proceedings accepted for publication after 1 April 2016.

Aim of the Policy
The Research Councils work to ensure that the public investment in research secures the maximum economic and societal return. One of the ways of achieving this is through Open Access. The RCUK Policy on Open Access aims to achieve immediate, unrestricted, on-line access to peer-reviewed and published research papers, free of any access charge. Our vision is for all users to be able to read published research papers in an electronic format and to search for and re-use (including download) the content of published research papers, both manually and using automated tools (such as those for text and data mining), provided that any such re-use is subject to full and proper attribution.

Scope
The policy applies to peer-reviewed research articles (including review articles not commissioned by publishers), which acknowledge Research Council funding, that are submitted for publication from 1st April 2013, and which are published in journals or conference proceedings.

Expectations for Researchers
Researchers, as the generators of all of the research papers and responsible for much of their peer review, are expected to publish any peer-reviewed research papers which acknowledge Research Council funding in journals that are compliant with the RCUK policy on Open Access. All papers must include details of the funding that supported the research and, if applicable, a statement on how the underlying research materials – such as data, samples or models – can be accessed.

For definitions of Open Access see section 3.1

For definitions of what is and is not covered under the policy see section 3.2

For further details on acknowledgment of funding sources and underlying research material see section 3.3
Concordat on Open Research Data

RCUK Common Principles on Data Policy

UK Policy Drivers in Research Data Management
What Does this look like for researchers?

Image from slides by Bill Hubbard - Getting the Rights Right or When Policies Collide:
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Cost management
Support with improving your processes and systems, and providing shared services, in order to save costs.

Managing your open access costs

Jisc Collections support for OA
Negotiating with publishers to constrain OA costs.

Monitor Local
APC management and reporting

Monitor UK
APC management

Sector Wide Responses
Research Data Management

Research Data represents a valuable asset that should be carefully managed. These web pages offer advice and guidance on applying best practice.

For one-to-one advice and guidance on these issues relate to your project, please contact the Research Data Management Support Service.

Data management training and workshops
For information on upcoming RDM training, staff should consult the Talent and Education Development programme and research students should consult the Transferable Skills Programme. Data Management workshops are listed on the Events page.

Research Data Management
- Introduction to RDM
- Produce a DM Plan
- Create and Organise Data
- Keeping Data Securely
- Documenting your Data
- Curate and Preserve Data
- Share Data
- Cite Data
- Deposit Data

Advocacy
A universal testing and treatment intervention to improve HIV control: One-year results from intervention communities in Zambia in the HPTN 071 (PopART) cluster-randomised trial

Harvard

Description
The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) 90-90-90 targets require that, by 2020, 90% of those living with HIV know their status, 90% of known HIV-positive individuals receive sustained antiretroviral therapy (ART), and 90% of individuals on ART have durable viral suppression. The HPTN 071 (PopART) trial is measuring the impact of a universal testing and treatment intervention on population-level HIV incidence in 21 urban communities in Zambia and South Africa. We report observational data from four communities in Zambia to assess progress towards the UNAIDS targets after 1 y of the PopART intervention.

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Questionnaire

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Data Visualization / Representation
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Infrastructure
Research Data Network

Welcome to the Research Data Network. This is a site to exchange information on research data management and related topics within the UK research information management sector. We hope that the site can build a body of useful resources, help people share up to minute developments, practices and develop new ideas.

Let's jump right in!

GET STARTED   ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Sector Wide Responses
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