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Open Access Explained



The Faculty of Allegheny College is committed to disseminating the fruits of its research and scholarship as widely as possible. In keeping with that commitment, the Faculty adopts the open access policy described below.

Each Faculty member grants to Allegheny College nonexclusive permission to make available his or her scholarly articles and to exercise the copyright in those articles for the purpose of open dissemination. In legal terms, each Faculty member grants to Allegheny College a nonexclusive, irrevocable, paid-up, worldwide license to exercise any and all rights under copyright relating to each of his or her scholarly articles, in any medium, provided that the articles are not sold for a profit, and to authorize others to do the same. The policy will apply to all scholarly articles written while the person is a member of the Faculty except for any articles completed before the adoption of this policy and any articles for which the Faculty member entered into an incompatible licensing or assignment agreement before the adoption of this policy. The Provost or Provost's designate will automatically waive application of the policy for a particular article upon express direction by the author, who informs Allegheny of the reason.

To assist the College in distributing the scholarly articles, no later than the date of publication, each Faculty member will provide an electronic copy of his or her final version of the article at no charge to a designated representative of the Provost's Office in appropriate formats (such as PDF) specified by the Provost's Office. "Scholarly article" is understood to be an article published in a peer reviewed journal. Articles will be made available even if application of the open access policy is waived; such articles will be placed in a closed archive by the College — preserved but not disseminated.




The Provost's Office will make the appropriate scholarly articles available to the public in an open access repository. The Office of the Provost, in consultation with the Academic Support Committee will be responsible for interpreting this policy, resolving disputes concerning its interpretation and application, and recommending changes to the Faculty.

This policy will be reviewed by the Academic Support Committee three years after its adoption, and a report presented to the Faculty. The Academic Support Committee and the Library will develop a plan to render compliance with the policy as convenient for the faculty as possible.

Note: The text of the policy has been added to the Faculty Handbook as “Section 11.25.II.G Open Access Policy”. The last sentence of section 11.25.II.F was modified by the addition of the language in bold:

*“When publishing scholarly works, faculty creators are encouraged to provide rights for use for the College community **in accordance with the Open Access Policy (section 11.25.II.G).**”*

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