



## **FREE INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF MOLDOVA**

### **INSTITUTIONAL POLICY OF OPEN ACCESS**

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#### **Pro Policy of Open Access**

The electronic publishing is important for the direct production of the research and to share/to capitalize the ideas/the knowledge to the scientific community and to the large public, to understand the social and economic impact of the research results. The scientific literature is a support indispensable for the research process, being an efficient way to promote and to communicate scientifically. The electronic publishing, removing the barriers of the access to research results, enriches the education and the capitalization of the scientific dimensions.

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## **General Aspects**

The Open Access is accepted at ULIM as an innovative way of disseminating and using the scientific information, an alternative for the traditional model of communicating scientifically the institutional content. The publications of the scientific-teaching staff of ULIM will have an increased conspicuousness, a great impact and prestige in the scientific community. The Open Access will improve the dissemination of the research results, realized within ULIM.

Accepting and implementing the Open Access Phenomenon, the Free International University of Moldova takes the responsibility for the following:

- ✓ To disseminate the results of the scientific researches, realized within university and materialized as publications on the basis of Open Access
- ✓ To encourage the researchers in manifesting the support for the Open Access by publishing articles in magazines with Open Access and placing them on the Institutional Repository of ULIM
- ✓ To encourage the researchers that benefit of institutional support and other grants, to publish the works according to the principles of Open Access phenomenon
- ✓ To develop means and ways of assessing the contribution in realizing the Open Access in order to maintain the quality standards

## **Strategies and ways of applying into practice the Open Access at ULIM**

1. Taking into account the international experience, the implementation of the Open Access regarding the scientific publications realized under the aegis of ULIM will be performed by two additional models:
  - ✓ Archiving at the Institutional Repository of Free International University of Moldova
  - ✓ Publishing the scientific magazines of ULIM in the international registry DOAJ (Directory of Open Access Journals)
2. In order to develop the local system of digital content in Open Access, ULIM will undertake the measures of creating the Institutional Repository, which will contain works elaborated/published by the researchers of University.
3. The Institutional Repository of ULIM will operate according to the provisions of the Organization and Functioning Regulations, approved by the ULIM's Senate. The policy provides that all the scientific publications, elaborated by the scientific-teaching staff of ULIM, to be included in the Institutional Repository at the date of their publication or in case of embargo, not later than six months from the publication. The permission granted by the authors represents a non-exclusive, irrevocable license that exercises all the rights according to the copyright on the basis of an agreement signed by parties, which will allow the distribution in Open Access of the published materials under the condition that they will not be aimed at gaining profit.

4. The policy on Open Access refers predominantly to scientific articles, encouraging the researchers to include and other types of publications: monographs, manuals, PhD and Master thesis and others. The policy will apply on the publications published during the activity of their author at ULIM.
5. Adopting the publications review in order to provide their quality
6. Initiating correctly the procedure of implementing the Open Access to the scientific information, the cooperation with the responsible persons for the scientific activity in order to establish the legal requirements that will be implemented according to the regulatory framework of ULIM
7. In order to assure a wide access and to promote the digitized local content the following things will be realized:
  - ✓ The policy on Open Access at ULIM will be integrated in the International Registry ROARMAP (Registry of Open Access repositories Mandatory Archiving Policies), which will allow the Open Access to the results of scientific researches
  - ✓ ULIM Repository will be registered in the International Registry of Archives with Open Access (ROAR, Registry of Open Access Repositories)
8. The Vice-Rectors for the scientific activity and foreign affairs, the directors of research unities of ULIM, the Information and Library Science Department will be responsible for implementing and improving (modifying) this policy.
9. All the parties, relevantly – the faculties, the departments that manage and support the university scientific research, the authors/researchers that generate results, the librarians and other interested persons – will promote efficiently the publishing of Open Access.
10. The Information and Library Science Department will elaborate the Regulations of organization and functioning of ULIM Repository, will assure its functioning and will inform ULIM's Senate on the completeness and functionality of the Repository.
11. The policy on Open Access at ULIM has an immediate effect, comes into force at the date it is approved and it will be reviewed after three years.