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## SUMMARY

The **Open Access Policy** establishes the principles that underpin the University's approach to providing equitable, world-wide access to the scholarly and research output of Macquarie University.

## POLICY

**Purpose** To provide equitable, world-wide access to the scholarly and research output of Macquarie University.

**Overview** Scholarly research is one of Macquarie's most important contributions to society. The free exchange of information is a bedrock academic value, one that is supported by taking an open access approach to the dissemination of the outputs of scholarship and research. An open access approach means that these outputs are made available online and world-wide, free of charge and free of most other access restrictions. This approach supports the fundamental principles of the [Macquarie University Ethics Statement](#) and the [Senate Statement on Academic Freedom](#) .

The open access approach also enables Macquarie University authors to meet the requirements of funding bodies, e.g. Australian Research Council and National Health and Medical Research Council, to make the results of their research publicly accessible.

The outputs of scholarship and research are collected as part of the University's research management processes. These outputs will now be stored and made accessible through the Macquarie University Digital Repository Macquarie University [ResearchOnline](#). In addition to maximising access to Macquarie research, this policy also supports more effective storage of these outputs in perpetuity and assists in promoting Macquarie's research around the world.

**Scope** The policy will apply to all research or scholarly manuscripts written while the author is a staff member of Macquarie University, except for: those outputs completed before the adoption of this policy, and those for which the author has entered into an incompatible licensing or assignment agreement.

**Policy** All refereed, revised, final draft research manuscripts will be deposited in the Macquarie University Digital Repository after their acceptance for publication. Books or chapters in books may be self-archived at the author's discretion.

These manuscripts will be made open access, available to anyone on the Internet, except where this is restricted by publisher policy.

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**COMPLIANCE AND BREACHES** The University may commence applicable disciplinary procedures if a person to whom this policy applies breaches this policy (or any of its related procedures).

## Policy Information

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