

Open access

What does open access mean?

- Open access means that the author retains the **copyright** to his/her publication.
- Open access means that the reader has **free access** to scientific information on the web and can read, quote, download and print scientific, quality-reviewed publications free of charge.
- Open access also gives more **citations and faster dissemination** of research results.
- Open access is on the way to **becoming the norm** for disseminating scientific information on the internet. The results of publicly funded research must also be openly available to everybody. This is a requirement at both national and European level for researchers, universities, funders and authorities.

Read more about open access at kb.se/openaccess

Two paths to open access

There are two paths to open access publishing: publication in an open archive or through open access journals.

- An author can put her research publication in an **open archive**. The author should have already reserved the right to this form of publication. [MUEP - Malmö University Electronic Publishing](#) - is the university's open archive where different types of publication from Malmö University can be stored for publication in full text on the internet. The contents of MUEP are searchable from other services such as SwePub, Google, Google Scholar and other databases. Many journals allow the author to retain copyright and to make an article available in an open file.
- **Open access journals** are quality-reviewed scientific journals that publish articles, which are freely available via the internet. The economic models vary; sometimes the journal charges an author fee and sometimes publication is financed by research.



For further questions:

muep@mah.se

[Malmö University Open Access Policy](#)

Contact

Tel: +46 40 665 70 00

Malmö University
205 06 Malmö
Sweden