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Manchester Metropolitan University Open Access Policy 2017

Introduction

Over recent years, the drive to Open Access publication has gathered momentum, endorsed by the publication of the Finch Report in 2012 and subsequent mandates from Research funders such as the RCUK, Wellcome Trust and HEFCE.

The benefits of Open Access publication to research at Manchester Metropolitan and to individual researchers are seen in the greater visibility of research outputs and the consequent increase in their impact in the wider world.

There are two main ways to make research Open Access:

- **Green OA**, which involves depositing the research output into a repository.
- **Gold OA**, which usually involves the payment of an article processing charge (APC) to the publisher in order to make the article open access within a journal.

Manchester Metropolitan supports the Open Access model of publication via both the Gold and Green routes and has put in place systems, staffing and funds to underpin this.

Scope

- The policy applies to all employees at Manchester Metropolitan who produce outputs from their research.
- The policy applies to all research outputs authored or co-authored by staff at Manchester Metropolitan.
- The policy also applies to all published research outputs authored or co-authored by post-graduate research students at Manchester Metropolitan.

The Policy

- Researchers may follow either the Green route or the Gold route to Open Access.
- All research outputs should be deposited into Manchester Metropolitan's Institutional Repository, e-space, via the University's Current Research Information Management System, Symplectic Elements, as soon as possible after they are accepted for publication or after any other appropriate date in the case of non-journal article outputs.
- To comply with the HEFCE mandate for eligibility for the post-2014 REF <http://www.hefce.ac.uk/pubs/year/2014/201407/> journal articles and conference proceedings with an ISSN published after April 1st 2016 **should** be deposited within 3 months of acceptance for publication and **must** be deposited within 3 months of publication.
- Researchers wishing to submit outputs to the post-2014 REF should ensure that the journals in which they choose to publish support Green OA, especially with regard to publisher embargoes on access to full-text, or alternatively that they have funds to publish via the Gold route if that option is available.
- All publications should acknowledge affiliation to Manchester Metropolitan University, and, where appropriate, any funder who has supported the research.

Responsibilities

- It is the responsibility of the individual researcher to ensure that their research output is recorded in Symplectic and the full-text (or equivalent) deposited into e-space within the relevant timeframe.
- It is the responsibility of the Library Service to check research outputs and make them available in e-space as soon as possible after deposit.

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Funding for Gold Open Access

- To publish via the Gold route to OA, funding is usually required to pay for an article processing charge, or APC.
- Manchester Metropolitan has created an institutional APC fund to support Gold OA publication. Researchers can access this fund provided the research is of 3 or 4* quality and they have support from their Faculty Head of RKE.
- Manchester Metropolitan has a small grant from the Research Councils UK (RCUK) to support the OA publication of any outputs generated from RCUK-funded research.
- Payment of an APC allows deposit of a copy of the published article within the Institutional Repository.
- Where a research output has been co-authored with author(s) from other institution(s), it be may be possible to apportion some of the APC cost to the other institution(s) involved.

Monitoring and compliance

- Compliance with funder mandates will be monitored by Research and Knowledge Exchange in collaboration with Library Services.

Reports will go to funders on an annual basis and will also be made available to Faculty Heads of RKE and the Research and Knowledge Exchange Committee.

This policy was approved at the meeting of the Academic Board of Manchester Metropolitan University on June 14, 2017.

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