



What is Open Access?

Definition

Open Access means that researchers make their publications freely available on the internet. Authors keep copyright on their publications, but give permission for it to be read, downloaded, printed and distributed further without compensation.

This definition is based on the [Budapest Open Access Initiative](#) from 2002.

Open publication

Gold Open Access: Publishing in a journal that is Open Access. These journals are not limited by subscriptions. Because of this, anyone can read them. [Directory of Open Access Journals](#) (DOAJ) provides an overview of these journals.

Green Open Access: Publish on your own website or in an open repository such as UiS Brage. [Read more about open publication archives.](#)

Open Access in Norway

The government has for a long time been expressed a desire for more Open Access in Norway. In [Report No. 30 from Stortinget \(2008-09\)](#) it was stated that "*In principle, the Government believes that all scientific papers resulting from publicly funded research should be publicly available.*" This was followed up in [Report No. 18 from Stortinget \(2012-2013\)](#), from the Ministry of Education, which states the following:

The Government will:

- demand that all scientific articles that are completely or partially publicly funded, either are published or self-archived openly by agreement with the publisher.
- encourage institutions, individually or jointly, to establish a fund for the payment of open access publishing fees.

Open Access at UiS

At the University board meeting on 18th of April 2012, an IPR Policy at the University of Stavanger was unanimously adopted. The following proposal was thus accepted:

"Employees at UiS are required to do their best to ensure that scientific papers can be made available as soon as possible in the institutional repository on the UiS website."

Open Access internationally

National Institutes of Health (NIH) is the world's largest research-funding institution, with [a budget of 32 billion dollars](#). NIH requires that all publications funded by them [are made publicly available](#) in an open source no more than one year after the first publication.

The prestigious Harvard Business University [requires open access from their researchers](#). A number of other leading universities in the United States have made similar decisions (Suber 2006, p. 153).

Source:

Suber, P. (2006). Open access in the USA. In: [Open access : key strategic, technical and economic aspects](#), pp. 149-160

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