

University of Regina Librarians' and Archivists' Council Policy on Open Access

Preamble

We – the University of Regina’s librarians and archivists – are committed to the democratization of knowledge through open access and recognize that open research and open scholarship practices foster collaborative, community-engaged, reproducible, and impactful scholarship.

Open access accelerates discovery across the disciplines and increases the visibility and impact of research. It facilitates connections and collaborations between scholars and strengthens the rigour of published research by ensuring it is open to scrutiny by all, enabling scholars from all sectors, policymakers, and the public to use and build on this knowledge. Freely sharing research with the public also reflects the University of Regina’s responsibility and commitment to provide access to research as a publicly funded institution.

Policy

- As scholarly authors at the University of Regina, we commit to openly share the products of our research and scholarship.
- To do so, we agree to publish in open access publications and/or deposit our scholarly work in the University of Regina’s open access institutional repository (oURspace) or in a trusted disciplinary archive as early as possible, ideally sometime between the date of acceptance and the date of publication. If applicable, access to the file in question can be suppressed for a period of time in order to meet publisher or granting body requirements.
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Scope

In the spirit of enabling the broadest access to research, accelerating discovery, enabling transparency and reproducibility of research, this policy applies to journal articles, book chapters, and conference papers produced by librarians and archivists affiliated with the University of Regina. In addition to these types of scholarly output, authors are urged to consider depositing into the institutional repository all their scholarly works, regardless of format, including their research data, in order to enhance visibility and impact of these research outputs.

Implementation

While we strongly believe in the open dissemination of research, we also recognize that we, the University’s authors, maintain full control of our intellectual property. We also recognize that openness may sometimes be at odds with the protection of Indigenous knowledges, and

acknowledge and accept that open dissemination of such knowledges may at times be at odds with this policy.

This policy is intended to encourage open access to scholarly work and strengthen author rights. This policy is to be read and interpreted in a manner consistent with relevant collective agreements and University policies related to academic freedom and intellectual property.

This policy comes into force on March 1, 2022 and applies to all applicable works published after this date.

This statement was approved by Librarians and Archivists Council at their January 20, 2022 meeting.

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