

Open Access Policy of Aalborg University

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Content

Aalborg University's Open Access Policy aims at creating free and easy access to research from AAU, and to secure access for all to as many research publications as possible without financial, technical or legal restrictions.

The goal is to maximise the impact of the University's research by reaching out to the widest possible range of interested parties in both national and international business and research communities.

AAU endorses [the Berlin Declaration](#) and Denmark's National Strategy for Open Access.

The policy contains the following principles:

- AAU endorses the Open Access initiative that aims at increasing effective dissemination and visibility of the University's research.
- AAU wishes to provide free access (Open Access) to the University's research publications without financial, legal, or technical restrictions. This is done in the following ways:
 - Through parallel archiving of a version of the individual research publication in the University's repository VBN (Green Open Access)
 - Through publishing via dedicated Open Access publishing channels that match other channels in the particular scientific field in terms of academic excellence (Golden and Diamond Open Access)
- AAU endorses the creation of and collaboration on Diamond Open Access journals via e.g. the Open Journal System (OJS).
- AAU researchers are publishing top quality research, and aim at publishing through the most recognised publishing channels
- Researchers at AAU should maintain, at minimum, the right to parallel archiving of research publications in VBN, provided they transfer their publishing rights to the publisher. When in doubt, you can use the indicative agreements of the Committee for the Protection of Scientific and Scholarly Work (UBVA).
- Copyright remains with the authors upon publication registration and submission of full-text version in VBN.
- AAU's Open Access policy aims at fulfilling the objectives of Denmark's National Strategy for Open Access as measured through the Open Access Indicator

Origin, background and history

This is a revision of Aalborg University's Open Access policy of 6. July 2011 (version 1)

The present Open Access Policy (version 1.1)

Purpose and delimitation

The Open Access Policy concerns research publishing at Aalborg University.

Overall framework

Aalborg University's Open Access policy is in line with [Denmark's National Strategy for Open Access](#).

Contact and responsibility

Aalborg University's [Open Access Committee](#) stand behind the policy.

The VBN Team is responsible for the Open Access Initiative at Aalborg University, and is committed to the development and operation of the initiative. Likewise, the VBN Team is responsible for assistance and advice on Open Access issues to the university's research environments.

Contact the VBN Team: vbn@aub.aau.dk

Concept definitions

Green Open Access is also called parallel publishing, where the publisher allows saving a version of the work in an institutional archive (repository). This type of Open Access is often embargoed for a period ranging from 6 to 24 months. In this way, the publisher still has the opportunity to sell subscriptions and pay-per-views before the publications become publicly available.

Golden Open Access means publishing in journals where the complete final version of the articles are publicly available. There is usually a fee to pay upon publication of an article in a Golden Open Access journal. This fee is often referred to as the Article Processing Charge (APC).

Diamond Open Access means publishing in journals where the complete final version of the articles are publicly available. The author does not pay a fee for making article publicly available.

UBVA: The Committee for the Protection of Scientific Work

Attachment

[Research registration - Open Access publications in Pure - Procedure](#)

[Research registration - Guide to registration of Open Access Publications in Pure](#)