Tri-Agency Open Access Policy

**The Policy:** All peer-reviewed journal publications resulting from funding by the Tri-Agency (CIHR, NSERC, SSHRC) must be freely available within twelve months of publication.

To comply with the Tri-Agency Policy, you must either:

- Archive the post-print or the published version in an institutional or subject repository
- Publish in an Open Access journal

**Open Access Green**
Refers to self-archiving (typically, of articles published in conventional subscription-based journals) in a subject or institutional repository

**Open Access Gold**
Journals in which readers do not require a subscription or any other form of payment, either personally or through their university or library, to access the content, e.g. PLoS

**Definitions:**

**Open Access**
Publications that are free to read on the internet. Readers can download, copy, and distribute an Open Access publication, as long as credit is given to the authors.

**Institutional Repository (IR)**
An online collection of the scholarship of an institution’s researchers. Institutional repositories both preserve the intellectual output and allow for wide distribution. Currently the U of S does not have an IR.

**Subject Repository**
An online collection of publications in a particular subject area. The repository collects, preserves and provides open access to the publications. Examples include arXiv, RePEc, and PubMed Central. Subject repositories are also called disciplinary repositories.

**Post-Print, Version of Record, Author Accepted Manuscript (AAM), Post Peer Reviewed Manuscript**
Terms used to describe the accepted version of an article after peer-review, with revisions having been made. Usually this is the version that most publishers will permit authors to self-archive.
How to Comply

1. Choose your journal
   Identify the journal(s) that best satisfy your publishing goals

2. Understand the journal’s policy on copyright and self archiving
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   - Visit the journal publisher’s website or refer to your copyright transfer agreement
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   Does the journal allow archiving within 12 months of publication?

   Is the journal open access?

   Is it a hybrid journal?

   - Use an author addendum to allow article archiving within 12 months or,
   - Negotiate the terms of the copyright transfer agreement or,
   - Choose another venue to publish your article

   - Deposit the article in a Canadian IR accepting submissions from other institutions (U of A, U of C, U of T), see carl-abrc.ca/ir.html
   - Deposit the article in a subject repository (e.g. arXiv)
   - Search OpenDOAR opendoar.org for a quality-controlled list of repositories

   - Include adequate funding in your grant application to cover article processing charges (APCs) or,
   - Access the U of S Publications Fund

Definitions:

Article Processing Charge (APC)
A fee levied by an open access publisher to cover costs associated with publication. Fees can range from $200 to $5000 or more per article.

Hybrid Journal
A journal in which only selected articles are openly available to readers without a journal subscription. Hybrid journals require that authors pay an ‘unlocking’ fee, referred to as an article processing charge (APC).

Author Addendum
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