

Publishers Support Open Science and Sustainable Public Access

The undersigned publishers, scientific societies, associations, and research-related organizations are dedicated to advancing scientific communication and supporting the integrity of research by providing rigorous, validated information that scientists, doctors, engineers, researchers from all fields, and the public can rely upon. To achieve this goal, we have long been committed to producing and broadly disseminating high-quality journals, books, databases, and other content.

We strongly support open science and related efforts to enhance the dissemination of data and reports on research. We offer a variety of public access options, which may include open access and hybrid journals, article self-archiving under appropriate embargo, transformative agreements (e.g. “read and publish”), and other means. We also partner with research communities to invest in initiatives that advance data sharing and foster open practices to strengthen research integrity, reproducibility, and scholarly communication more broadly.

The ongoing public health crisis highlights the importance of publishers’ work and commitment to promoting scientific discovery. Publishers are working to accelerate peer review and provide reliable and accurate information to guide decisions in addressing the COVID-19 pandemic.

To maximize the impact of federally funded research, it is critical to promote open science through a flexible and sustainable framework that supports and upholds the value of scientific and scholarly communication. Federal policy created in the Obama Administration and implemented in agency policies in recent years has been successful because it uses a flexible approach to make articles that report on taxpayer-funded research widely available and discoverable.

We believe any policy aimed at promoting public access to publications and research data should:

- **Promote equity** through author choice by ensuring that all researchers—regardless of funding, discipline, career stage, or institution—are allowed to publish in their journals of choice, including those that ensure their publishing is economically sustainable through appropriate embargoes for free public access, such as the one-year embargo in existing policy.
- **Provide sufficient funding** to researchers to enable cutting-edge research and discovery and to support investments in sharing their results, ensuring the quality and integrity of scholarly communication.
- **Protect academic freedom** by empowering authors to publish in the outlets they feel have greatest potential to reach target audiences and advance the impact of their research.
- **Protect intellectual property**—which is critical to safeguarding the integrity of authors’ work and provides essential incentives for market investment and innovation—and avoid compulsory license mandates that undermine IP and ignore the needs and preferences of researchers and differences between disciplines.
- **Support innovation** in scholarly communication by fostering a competitive marketplace and a diverse range of business models to meet the needs of a wide variety of researchers and institutions.
- **Leverage existing initiatives** that reduce compliance burdens and the need for taxpayer funding, building on existing infrastructures and voluntary open science practices for data, preprints, and publications.
- **Include publishers as stakeholders** to advance broader priorities for the research ecosystem—including promoting equity and diversity in research and addressing critical public health and scientific challenges—and build partnerships between publishers, scientific societies, funders, libraries, and the academic community to advance a collaborative open science agenda.

The undersigned organizations look forward to continuing to work with researchers, institutions of higher education, libraries, federal agencies, and policymakers to support successful policies consistent with the principles above.

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Agricultural & Applied Economics Association
AIP Publishing
American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology
American Academy of Neurology
American Academy of Ophthalmology
American Association for Anatomy
American Association for Cancer Research
American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy
American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus (AAPOS)
American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases
American Association of Physicists in Medicine
American Astronomical Society
American Chemical Society
American College of Cardiology
American College of Nurse Midwives
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
American College of Physicians
American College of Rheumatology
American Counseling Association
American Dental Association
American Diabetes Association
American Gastroenterological Association
American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics
American Institute of Biological Sciences
American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine
American Laryngological, Rhinological, and Otological Society, Inc. aka The Triological Society
American Mathematical Society
American Medical Association
American Physical Society
American Psychological Association
American Shoulder and Elbow Surgeons
American Society for Bone and Mineral Research
American Society for Investigative Pathology
American Society for Public Administration
American Society for Radiation Oncology
American Society for Surgery of the Hand
American Society of Agronomy
American Society of Association Executives
American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)
American Society of Clinical Oncology
American Society of Plant Biologists
American Thoracic Society
American Urological Association
American Water Works Association
ASME

Association of American Publishers
Biophysical Society
Botanical Society of America
Burleigh Dodds Science Publishing
Common Ground Research Networks
Copyright Clearance Center
Crop Science Society of America
De Gruyter
Ecological Society of America
Elsevier
Emerald Publishing
Entomological Society of America
Geological Society of America
Heart Rhythm Society
Helminthological Society of Washington
IEEE Publication Services & Products Board
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INFORMS
Institute of Food Technologists
Institute of Industrial & Systems Engineers
International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer
International Literacy Association
International Society for Advancement of Cytometry
International Society of Automation
International Union of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
IOP Publishing
IOS Press
John Benjamins Publishing Co.
National Groundwater Association
National Rural Health Association
NEJM Group
New York Academy of Sciences
Oxford University Press (OUP)
Partners in Digital Health
School Science and Mathematics Association
Society for Cardiovascular Pathology
Society for Community Research and Action
Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics
Society for Mining, Metallurgy, & Exploration
Society for Psychophysiological Research
Society for Redox Biology and Medicine
Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction
Society for Vascular Surgery
Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry
Society of Pediatric Nurses
Society of Petroleum Engineers
Software and Information Industry Association
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Taylor & Francis
The American Association of Immunologists
The Bioelectromagnetics Society
The Family Process Institute
The Minerals, Metals & Materials Society
The Optical Society (OSA)
The Remote Sensing and Photogrammetry Society
The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine
The Society for the Experimental Analysis of Behavior
The Society of Rheology
Virtus Interpress
Western Economic Association International
Wiley
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