

The Tri-Agency Open Access Policy on Publications

A Joint Statement issued by the Vice-Principal (Research) and Vice Provost and University Librarian.

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We are pleased to announce that on February 27th, 2015 the Tri-Agency published an official [open access policy on publications](#). The open access policy recognizes that the value, use and application of research outputs increases as they are made available more broadly to, for example the global research community, non-governmental organizations, and society as a whole. Furthermore, open access fosters knowledge and technology transfer and stimulates innovation and collaboration.

The new policy requires grant recipients awarded funding wholly or in part by [CIHR](#)ⁱ, [NSERC](#) and [SSHRC](#) after May 1, 2015 to make their peer-reviewed journal publications freely accessible online within 12 months of publication, either by [Route A](#) (Green Open Access): depositing their peer-reviewed [author accepted manuscript](#) at no cost in to [QSpace](#), Queen's Research Repository (or a [subject repository](#) of choice) or [Route B: Pay to Publish](#) through the publisher's website (Gold open Access) which involves paying article processing charges (APCs). Other research outputs (for example books, chapters or creative writing) are excluded from the new policy requirements.

In complying with this policy, Queen's faculty, researchers, staff and students are free to continue publishing in the form of their choice and discipline. To this end, we recommend meeting the open access requirement by **Route A**: deposit your peer-reviewed [Accepted Author Manuscript](#) to [QSpace](#). Simply email a PDF file of your [Accepted Author Manuscript](#) to: gspace@queensu.ca. The Library will enable open access consistent with any copyright and licensing requirements in the publishing agreement or inherent in the work itself and subject to proper attribution. Should you choose to publish via the [Route B: Pay to Publish](#), the Library has agreed membership with a number of [publisher's or open access supporter schemes](#) that provides Queen's authors with discounts on open access publication fees or APCs.

Authors will be able to gather both traditional citation metrics as well as additional alternative metrics (e.g social media conversations, links, downloads of works etc.) to capture all forms of online engagement with works that have been made open access through deposit to [QSpace](#), also providing a ready mechanism to demonstrate policy compliance in future grant applications.

[QSpace](#) was launched by the university in 2005 as a permanent and secure online archive of research works produced by members of Queen's University. Queen's University Library in partnership with the University Research Services, will work to enhance the coverage and ease of use of QSpace, to facilitate global access to peer-reviewed journal articles and research theses by Queen's authors. We will ensure processes are streamlined and as efficient as possible.

For more information on the Tri-Agency Open Access Policy and how to make your research publications Open Access visit: [Meeting Tri-Agency Open Access Requirements](#).

ⁱ CIHR require grant recipients awarded January 1, 2008 and onward to deposit both their journal publications and research data in an established archive or repository. For more information on funding agency guidelines on open research data and compliance see: [Research Data Management at Queen's University](#).