

PRINCIPLES FOR OPEN ACCESS TO ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS AT UiT THE ARCTIC UNIVERSITY OF NORWAY

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Open access to research results is an important prerequisite for a well-functioning democracy, for the free exchange of opinions and to enable the research to be a tool for the development of society and industry. UiT The Arctic University of Norway has a strong position nationally as a promoter of open access to research results, publications as well as research data, and the university management has an important role as a national and international driving force for achieving the goal of open access. All academic publications from UiT shall be accessible in open access journals or in institutional repositories. Consequently, UiT has established the following principles concerning free access to academic publications:

1. Choice of publishing channel

UiT's staff and students have various roles in academic publishing, including as author, peer, member of an editorial board or editorial member. UiT wants its staff and students to prioritise publishing channels that promote open access over those that do not promote this principle.

UiT's staff and students shall choose publishing channels that provide the highest level of open access. The publishing channel shall either provide open access on its own platform (gold open access) or have a satisfactory policy concerning self-archiving (green open access). Open publishing channels shall be chosen in preference to closed subscription-based publishing channels where academically acceptable. This is a requirement for articles published in peer-reviewed journals, while it is also recommended for academic books (monographs and anthologies), as well as popular science articles, feature articles in newspapers and other dissemination activities.

UiT contributes to covering any additional costs associated with open access publishing through its own publishing fund, providing the publishing fund's conditions are fulfilled.

2. Self-archiving

UiT's staff shall continuously deposit (upload) their publications in Cristin so they may be accessed in UiT's institutional repository. This requirement currently applies only to articles published in peer-reviewed journals, while it is also recommended for academic monographs and anthologies. The University Library is responsible for clarifying matters regarding to intellectual

property rights associated with publishing in Munin. Access in Munin will occur within the scope of the publishers' general principles for self-archiving, unless staff members have entered into special agreements concerning their publication. In the long term, the proportion of deposited and accessible articles may be of significance for UiT's allocation of results-based budgets to the faculties, in line with the Government's goals and guidelines¹.

Master's and doctoral theses are submitted for assessment through the submission portal in Munin. The University Library takes care of making these openly accessible, unless a special agreement has been entered into exempting the thesis from being made openly accessible.

3. Assessments

When making assessments concerning appointments, promotions or the awarding of doctorates, emphasis shall be attached to the quality, relevance and importance of the content of scholarly works, in accordance with the principles of the San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment.²

For other assessments and when allocating research funding from UiT, the same principles shall be used as a basis. When allocating R&D sabbaticals, applicants shall fulfil requirements concerning academic publishing. Where the need arises to rank applicants, emphasis shall be attached to criteria such as the proportion of publications that are published in open publishing channels or deposited for access in open repositories.

4. UiT as publisher and purchaser

By the end of 2021, all academic publishing channels of which UiT is the publisher or co-publisher shall provide open access in the sense that, as a minimum requirement, they must allow immediate self-archiving of the published version (unless otherwise necessary for legal reasons). Similarly, by the end of 2021, all scientific journals and book series owned or co-owned by UiT shall be converted into publications that either provide or permit open access to the published version.

When entering into agreements with publishers concerning electronic subscriptions, etc., either alone or through cooperation with other institutions, the University Library shall strive to ensure the best possible conditions for open access. In practice, this means sustainable prices in open journals, or open access at no extra cost in subscription-based journals, possibly in the form of suitable conditions for self-archiving in Munin. This type of agreement must not be exempt from public disclosure.

¹ National goals and guidelines for open access to research articles, of 22.08.2017
<https://www.regjeringen.no/no/dokumenter/nasjonale-mal-og-retningslinjer-for-apen-tilgang-til-vitenskapelige-artikler/id2567591/>

² The San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA), 2012 <https://sfedora.org/read/>