A guide to Open Access for Research Councils UK (RCUK)-funded Authors

How we can help you to comply with the recent RCUK OA policy within the UK

This is derived from a decision tree summarising UK government open access recommendations which has subsequently been endorsed by RCUK.

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Governments and funders are increasingly encouraging Open Access publication, and as an author in the UK, you need to be aware of the various funder mandates that are in operation – particularly those from RCUK.

The RCUK Mandate

From April 2013 the RCUK have mandated grant holders to publish only in journals with specific Green or Gold open access options as outlined in the decision tree on the front of this guide.

Funding has been made available to help the transition and you can find out if your institution has received block grant funding from RCUK at:


How do I comply?

First look at the decision tree on Page 1!

If you are in receipt of a RCUK grant or work in an RCUK funded institution, talk to your institution about how to comply, and the local arrangements for publishing open access. Check whether funding is available to you. Arrangements vary by institution and by publisher. Some publishers, including Taylor & Francis, offer institutional membership arrangements with special terms, and your institution may be signed up to such a scheme. If funding for Gold publication is not available, you can still be compliant, you just need to select a journal that complies with Green embargo periods.

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