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## Open Access Survival Guide for PGRs

### The Benefits of Open Access

There are a number of benefits to making your research available via Open Access:

- Increases citations and exposure of your research
- Helps to build your research career
- Increases chances of further funding opportunities and collaborations
- Meets the transparency/openness agenda

### Open Access Policies

- From 1 October 2013 University policy will require that all peer-reviewed published journal articles and conference papers, however they are funded, are made available on Open Access: <http://hdl.handle.net/10036/4279>
- From 1 April 2013 RCUK has required that all new peer-reviewed published journal articles and conference papers funded by a Research Council are made available on Open Access: <http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/research/outputs>
- Other funders, such as the Wellcome Trust (<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/About-us/Policy/Policy-and-position-statements/WTD002766.htm>), also mandate Open Access to research.

### How do I make my research Open Access?

There are two ways to make your research papers available via Open Access:

#### 1. 'Green' free route

The University of Exeter fully endorses the 'Green' route to Open Access as the cultural norm. You can deposit a version of your paper in the institutional repository, Open Research Exeter (ORE: <https://ore.exeter.ac.uk>) and/or a relevant subject repository within the time deadlines set out in your funder's Open Access policy, in compliance with publisher policy.

Here are some tips on how to make your research paper 'Green':

- Use SHERPA RoMEO (<http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/>) to check your publishers' policy on depositing a version of your published article into a



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repository. In some cases publishers enforce a delay (or embargo) before an article can be made publically available in a repository. This can vary from 6 months to 2 years. Check SHERPA/FACT (<http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/fact/>) for your research funder's policy on Open Access.

- Check with your publisher which version of your article you are allowed to deposit in a repository (this information can also be found in SHERPA RoMEO). Most publishers say that you can deposit a post-print version of your article (the final, peer-reviewed and amended version of your article, but without publisher's formatting etc.). For more information, please see our guide Paper Versions Explained: [http://as.exeter.ac.uk/media/level1/academicserviceswebsite/library/documents/digitalassets/130520\\_Paper\\_Versions\\_Explained\\_ORE.pdf](http://as.exeter.ac.uk/media/level1/academicserviceswebsite/library/documents/digitalassets/130520_Paper_Versions_Explained_ORE.pdf). Try and keep a post-print version of your article saved for repository deposit.
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## 2. 'Gold' pay-to-publish route

This involves the researcher paying the journal publisher a fee (commonly known as an Article Processing Charge (APC)). On payment of the APC, the publisher then provides free online access to the article. Limited funding is available for APCs at Exeter. To find out more, talk to your supervisor or the Principal Investigator on your research project.

### Further Information

For further information about Open Access, please refer to the Open Access Guide for Postgraduate Researchers:

<http://as.exeter.ac.uk/library/resources/openaccess/e-theses/oapgr/>

or contact your Subject Librarian (<http://as.exeter.ac.uk/library/subjectguides/>)

or the Open Access and Data Curation Team on [openaccess@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:openaccess@exeter.ac.uk).