



Arts & Humanities
Research Council

AHRC guidance on access to research outputs

As a member of RCUK, the AHRC is committed to the principles articulated in the Research Councils' position statement on access to research outputs, and to ensuring the full participation of the arts and humanities research community in the activities planned.

The AHRC has published the following information in its [AHRC Research Funding Guide \(http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/FundingOpportunities/Documents/Research%20Funding%20Guide.pdf\)](http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/FundingOpportunities/Documents/Research%20Funding%20Guide.pdf) in relation to Open Access:

AHRC Policy on Open Access to Journal Articles and guidance to applicants

The AHRC has signed up to the following Research Council principles relating to the access to journal article-based research outputs:

- Ideas and knowledge derived from publicly-funded research must be made available and accessible for public use, interrogation and scrutiny, as widely, rapidly and effectively as practicable.
- Public research outputs must be subject to rigorous quality assurance, through effective peer review mechanisms
- The models and mechanisms for publication and access to research results must be both efficient and cost-effective in the use of public funds.
- The outputs from current research must be preserved and remain accessible for future generations.

Author-pays publishing – guidance to applicants

It is the AHRC's position that authors choose where to place their research for publication. It is for authors' institutions to decide whether they are prepared to use funds for any page charges or other publishing fees. Such funds could be part of an institution's indirect costs under the full economic costing regime.

Self-archiving - added to Terms and Conditions of Award

The AHRC requires that funded researchers:

- ensure deposit of a copy of any resultant articles published in journals or conference proceedings in appropriate repository wherever possible, ensure deposit of the bibliographical metadata relating to such articles, including a link to the publisher's website, at or around the time of publication

Full implementation of these requirements must be undertaken such that current copyright and licensing policies, for example, embargo periods and provisions limiting the use of deposited content to non-commercial purposes, are respected by authors.

Other Information

See the RCUK website (<http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/access/default.htm>) for Research Councils UK's position paper on access to research outputs.

Publication Fees

The Research Information Network (RIN) has published a report on the payment of publication fees. This has been written with particular reference to articles in open access journals. This is available on the RIN's website (<http://www.rin.ac.uk/openaccess-payment-fees>).