Town Hall Meeting Agenda

“Stanford’s Open Access Policy”

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Stanford’s Open Access Policy

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Committee on Open Access Policy Review
Open Access Meeting Agenda

- Background information and open access fundamentals
- Survey to gather information about open access needs and customs across disciplines
- Presentation on Stanford’s Open Access Policy
- Q&A about Stanford’s Open Access Policy
- General discussion about how Stanford can better serve your open access needs
Open Access Fact Sheet

- Open access definitions
- Benefits of open access
- Summary of Stanford’s Open Access Policy
- Statistics on open access publishing at Stanford
Open Access

- Open access scholarship is freely available online with minimal copyright or licensing restrictions

- Enables anyone to read and use the outputs of academic research without payment
Open Access Models

Publisher-Hosted | “Gold”
- Official version on publisher website
- Usually requires payment of an open access article processing fee

Author-Archived | “Green”
- Accepted/post-print version deposited in repository
- Free but author must retain right to share or abide by publisher policy
Stanford’s Open Access Policy

In November 2020, the Faculty Senate passed a policy on Open Access with a three-year review date (SenD#7930).

The goals of this policy included:

- furthering open science
- widening access to research publications
- mitigating the costs associated with open access publication to individual faculty.
Stanford’s Open Access Policy

The policy requires Stanford faculty to deposit post-prints of all their article publications (including peer-reviewed journal articles, book chapters, and contributions to conference proceedings) in the Stanford Digital Repository, allowing anyone to read those publications at no cost.

The Senate also recommended that the University establish an Office of Scholarly Communications within Stanford Libraries to facilitate the policy and to support faculty with open access publishing.
Open Access Committee Charge

The Open Access Committee was charged by the Provost with assessing the rollout and impact of the open access policy, and to make recommendations for changes or revisions

- Kathryn Starkey (co-chair), Professor of German Studies
- Jessica Feldman (co-chair), Associate Professor of Biology
- Fiona Griffiths, Professor of History
- David Laitin, James T. Watkins IV and Elise V. Watkins Professor, Political Science
- David Studdert, Vice Provost and Dean of Research; Professor of Health Policy and of Law
- Michael Keller, University Librarian
- Stephanie Kalfayan, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs
- Steve Gallagher, Chief Information Officer

Goals of this meeting:

1. Inform faculty of the existing open access policy
2. Gather information about your open access needs and customs
Open Access Survey

Note:

- The term **pre-print** refers to a scholarly work before it has been peer reviewed.

- The term **post-print** refers to a scholarly work that has been accepted for publication, but before it has been officially published (i.e. after peer review but before it has been typeset and paginated for publication).

https://stanforduniversity.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5gQjqKljZhxwJVA
School of Medicine: Open Access Publishing

50%
Of Stanford Medicine-affiliated authors elected an open access publication route

53%
Of all Stanford authors elected an open access publication route

$30,772,000
Estimated Stanford Medicine five-year open access spend

$41,913,000
Estimated Stanford total five-year open access spend
Stanford’s Open Access Policy: Mandate

- Adopted in November 2020 by resolution of the Academic Council
- Recognizes faculty commitment “to disseminating the fruits of our university’s research and scholarship as widely as possible”
- Directs that all members of the Academic Council openly share their scholarly articles
Faculty automatically grant Stanford a non-exclusive license in their scholarly articles

License takes precedence over subsequent publisher agreements that transfer copyright or restrict sharing

Stanford can share articles on authors’ behalf in the Stanford Digital Repository and subsequently allow authors to reuse their own work
Why Use the Open Access Policy

- Open access without publication fees
- Immediate sharing without publisher embargo
- Does not limit choice of publication venue
  - Only a handful of publishers object to institutional open access policies (Nature, PNAS, IOP)
  - Policy automatically waived upon faculty request
How to Use the Open Access Policy

- Identify accepted manuscript/post-print version of published article
- Deposit to the Stanford Digital Repository:
  - Permanent URL
  - Includes citation to publisher’s version
  - Integration with ORCID iD
  - Long-term preservation by Stanford Libraries
  - Open data and code
Enhancing Open Access Support

- Raising awareness of open access and the open access policy
- Understanding researcher needs and concerns
- Streamlining identification and deposit of publications to Stanford Digital Repository
- Ensuring visibility of Stanford’s research output
Questions? Comments?

- How can Stanford support your open access needs?
- What are your field-specific concerns/needs?
- Ideas? Additional comments?

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