

Loughborough University Open Access Policy

Position statement

- Loughborough University researchers should publish in the highest quality journals in their field.
- Loughborough University supports the principle that the outcomes of funded research should be made available as widely as possible.
- Where funds are available Loughborough University favours the Gold Open Access route whereby final published versions of papers are accessible to the public free of charge. An Article Processing Charge (APC) might be payable to the publisher.
- Central funds are only available to pay APCs for RCUK funded research <http://www.lboro.ac.uk/research/scholcomms/openaccess/rcuk/>
- If it is not possible to publish using the Gold Open Access route, it is acceptable to use Green Open Access whereby author final accepted versions are made available on the Institutional Repository.

Requirements

- Staff are required to observe the Open Access (OA) requirements of HEFCE REF submission and the relevant research funding body when publishing from grants.
- Loughborough University requires that staff submit a copy of ALL of their peer-reviewed academic journal articles and conference papers to the Institutional Repository via the LUPIN system within three months of acceptance.
- The publisher final version (PDF) of the paper should ONLY be submitted to LUPIN if it has been published as Gold Open Access (this usually involves an Article Processing Charge being paid to the publisher). If the PDF is not yet available or it has not been published as Gold Open Access, staff must submit the author-created final version within three months of acceptance. This is to enable all research outputs to be REF eligible.
- Staff are also strongly encouraged to deposit author-created versions of all other forms of research output, in order to help maximize citations and earn credit for REF.
- Staff are required to agree to the terms and conditions of the [Institutional Repository licence](#).

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