

UiT Open Access Guide



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Why Open Access?

An increasing number of parties who might fund your research, for instance the European Research Council (ERC) and Wellcome Trust, demand that the research they are funding is made accessible (Open Access). They want your research to be utilised to a higher and more rapid degree by professionals, within education, administration and business development worldwide.

According to the UiT's policy, all research results should be published in Open Access journals, or be made available in institutional repositories. There are three routes towards achieving Open Access as explained further in this guide.

HORIZON 2020: "Boosting the benefits of public investments in research"
 "The global shift towards making research findings available free of charge for readers, so-called 'Open access', has been a core strategy in the European Commission to improve knowledge circulation and thus innovation. It is illustrated in particular by the general principle for open access to scientific publications in Horizon 2020 and the pilot for research data."

EU Commission, Horizon 2020

How to achieve Open Access?

There are two main routes and one auxiliary route towards achieving Open Access:

1. Self-archiving (Green Open Access)

You publish a copy of your article in Munin. Most articles can be made available in this way, usually not the published version but rather the most recent manuscript version subsequent to peer reviews.

Self-archiving is free of charge.

Preliminary work:

Gain the consent of co-authors for self-archiving of the article as soon as you agree to cooperate on the article.

Make sure you have access to/retain the most recent manuscript version you sent to the journal.

Upload this manuscript to CRISTin.

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2. Open Access publishing (Gold Open Access)

You publish your article in a journal that makes the article openly accessible online.

Many of these journals do not charge for publication, although a number of the major and most important journals will charge an "Article Processing Charge" or APC.

Preliminary work:

Check that the journal you want to publish in has level 1 or 2 approval in the NSD's register of publication channels. The journal must also be registered with the Directory of Open Access Journals, DOAJ.*

Add expenses for publication in your budget. Such expenses are valid project costs in ia Horizon2020.

You can apply for cover age for the APC from the UiT's publication fund*, on certain conditions.

Aside from Open Access, these journals use the same methods as the traditional journals with which you will already be familiar.

*The links can be found on uit.no/ub/oa

Supplementary information can be found on the university website for Open Access: uit.no/ub/oa



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