Publish Open Access: Library Systems Information Sheets

There are strong ethical and practical arguments on why much of Texas A&M's research should be published open access, especially research that addresses important societal challenges and needs. **Open access (OA)** is a set of principles and a range of practices through which research outputs are distributed online, free of access charges or other barriers.

Now that the OAK Fund has been discontinued by the University Libraries, we have included a collection of information sheets on strategies and use of Libraries' systems and resources to help you publish open access.

1 STRATEGIES

- Publish a preprint or other document in the OAK Trust repository. All publications curated in OAK Trust are discoverable and accessible worldwide; get automatically added to your Scholars@TAMU and Google Scholars profiles; and collect important metrics of engagement, use, and citation.
- Publish your preprints in national repositories such as PubMed or PubAg.
- Publish in an open access journal with which we have a Read & Publish agreement for reduce and free author publication charges.
- Include funds to pay for author publication charges on your grant proposals to allow you to publish in open access journals of your choice.

2 LIBRARY INFORMATION SHEETS

- Support of Open Access Publishing @ Texas A&M
- Archive Your Journal Publications to Make Them Open Access

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Support of Open Access Publishing @ Texas A&M

The OAK Fund program was a program managed by the University Libraries to support Texas A&M authors wishing to publish their work open access. The program supported the costs of author publication charges for publication in open access journals. Since the OAK Fund was discontinued in 2022, the University Libraries is developing additional programs to support open access publishing of Texas A&M research.

1 Texas A&M's Read & Publish Agreements

Read & Publish programs are transformative agreements negotiated by the University Libraries which shift libraries and publishers away from subscription-based models and towards open access publishing. They allow Texas A&M faculty to publish Gold Open Access articles in approximately 375 journals at no additional cost to Texas A&M authors.

Cambridge University Press Read & Publish Program

> This program allows A&M faculty to publish Open Access articles in [380 Cambridge journals](#) at no cost. Click here for more information: [Cambridge University Press](#)

The Royal Society Read & Publish Program

> This program allows A&M faculty to publish Open Access articles in any of The Royal Society's journals at no cost. Click here for more information: [Royal Society](#)

The Company of Biologists Read & Publish Program

> This program allows A&M faculty to publish Open Access articles in 3 of The Company of Biologist's journals at no cost. Click here for more information: [Company of Biologists](#)

MDPI's Institutional Open Access Program (IOAP)

> This program provides A&M faculty with a 10% discount on their APCs for any paper published in an MDPI journal and a 10% discount on the Book Process Charges for MDPI Books. Click here for more information: [MDPI IOAP](#)

BioMed Central APC Discount

> BioMed Central publishes 272 peer-reviewed open access journals. Texas A&M University is a Supporter Member which means that when you publish in any BioMed Central journal you will receive a 15% discount on the article-processing charge. The discount is automatically applied when BMC sends the invoice for the Author Processing Charge (APC). Click here for more information: [BMC Membership Program](#)

2 Archive Manuscripts in Texas A&M's Institutional Repository

Self-archiving, also referred to as green open access, is the practice of placing a version of a manuscript or other document into a repository, such as OAKTrust (http://oaktrust.tamu.edu/). OAKTrust, Texas A&M's institutional repository, can be used to "publish" your preprints, conference presentations, reports, or other scholarship.

3 Search for Free or Low-Cost Open Access Journals

The Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) is a community-curated online directory that indexes and provides access to high quality, open access, peer-reviewed journals (https://doaj.org/).

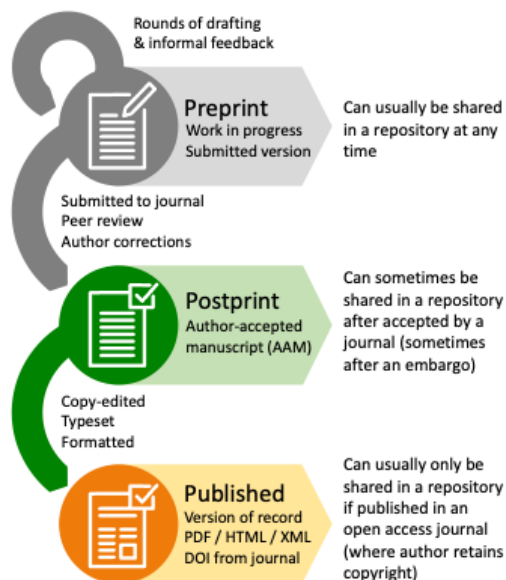# Archiving Your Journal Publications to Make Them Open Access

Self-archiving, also referred to as green open access, is the practice of placing a version of a manuscript or other into a repository, such as OAKTrust (http://oaktrust.tamu.edu/), making it discoverable and freely accessible for everyone. OAKTrust, Texas A&M's institutional repository, can be used to "publish" your preprints, conference presentations, reports, or other scholarship. Self-archiving publications brings important benefits to authors:

1. Makes your research discoverable and accessible through Internet searches,
2. Supports the translation of Texas A&M research to address societal grand challenges, and
3. Often leads to improved impact metrics such as citation rates.

1 FIND YOUR RIGHTS

Most journals allow authors to upload copies of their preprints or postprints to a repository. Consult your publishing agreement for these terms. Or check Sherpa Romeo (https://v2.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/), an online database that aggregates and analyses publisher open access policies and provides summaries of self-archiving policies on a journal-by-journal basis.

2 IDENTIFY THE RIGHT VERSION

Adapted from https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Self-archiving

3 UPLOAD TO OAKTRUST

OAKTrust (https://oaktrust.library.tamu.edu/) is Texas A&M's institutional repository. Documents can be uploaded to the Faculty Research or Faculty Teaching Collections in three easy steps: log in with your NetID; click on Submissions and choose the collection; and then follow the instructions to describe and upload the document.

4 YOUR SCHOLARS@TAMU PROFILE

Documents published through OAKTrust are automatically added to Scholars@TAMU and Google Scholar profiles after you approve them. OAKTrust will track and display Altmetrics and download metrics.

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