

EPFL Open Access policy

Preamble

The EPFL Open Access policy expresses the institutional position on Open Access to scientific publications. It defines the EPFL guidelines regarding the dissemination of EPFL's scientific output and is based on the [LEX 3.3.2 "Directive concerning research integrity and good scientific practice at EPFL"](#)¹ (1st of May 2009, status as at 1st January 2017), and particularly on article 10 about the principles concerning publications and access, urging EPFL researchers to publish their work in accordance with the "[principle of open access](#)"².

Purpose

EPFL actively supports the dissemination and the promotion of the research outputs produced by its researchers. The Institution aims to guarantee the best visibility to their research results, in order to contribute to the dissemination of knowledge and the outreach of EPFL and its authors. EPFL is committed to supporting its researchers in their publishing activities. This policy applies to all peer reviewed publications with an EPFL contribution.

Recommendations

EPFL, as a signatory of the [Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities](#)² since January 2013, is a supporter of the Open Access principle and participates in the [Swiss National Strategy on Open Access](#)³. Consequently, EPFL strongly encourages its researchers to disseminate their research output according to this principle, in compliance with the requirements of most funders, notably the Swiss National Foundation and European programs.

In order to ensure the best visibility for the researchers, the authors must **deposit all their publications in the institutional archive [Infoscience](#)**⁴ and **provide access** according to the publishers' policies **no later than 6 months after publication** following the Green Open Access road. Generally, publishers grant authors the right to self-archive the full text of their manuscript (typically the postprint, i.e. the version after peer review but prior to the publisher's copyediting and production) at the time of publication or after an embargo period. If the journal's policy is not compatible with the EPFL OA policy, EPFL advises authors to communicate the policy to the editor and to attach the '*EPFL author amendment*' to the copyright transfer agreement. EPFL strongly recommends, whenever possible, avoiding the transfer of exclusive rights to the publisher in order to retain the maximum of re-use rights.

EPFL also encourages its researchers to publish their research results, in Gold Open Access, in peer-reviewed open-access journals of recognized and high scientific standard and contributes to the publication costs under [certain conditions](#)⁵.

All members of the EPFL scientific community keep their academic freedom and can select the publication in which they want to publish their research outputs regardless of the publication model.

¹ <https://polylex.epfl.ch/page-63590-en.html>

² <https://openaccess.mpg.de/Berlin-Declaration>

³ https://www.swissuniversities.ch/fileadmin/swissuniversities/Dokumente/Hochschulpolitik/Open_Access/Open_Access_strategy_final_e.pdf

⁴ <http://infoscience.epfl.ch>

⁵ https://library.epfl.ch/OA_Support/en

Support to EPFL authors

The EPFL Library is the competent center for all questions relating to scientific publication and Open Access and supports the researchers with the content management of the institutional repository Infoscience. The Library also implements the financial support contributed by the institution to its researchers for Gold Open Access publication (article, conference, chapter, and book chapter).

Final provisions

This Open Access policy enters into force on 12.02.2019 and is published into [ROARMAP](#)⁶ (Registry of Open Access Repositories Mandatory Archiving Policies), the international directory of Open Access policies of institutions and funders.

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⁶ <http://roarmap.eprints.org/>