

Hiroshima University Open Access Policy

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1. Objective

Based on its guiding principles, Hiroshima University (hereinafter referred to as the “University”) has established this open access policy to (a) contribute to the further development of academic research by sharing research output with the world and (b) ensure the transparency of such output to increase accountability.

2. Open Access to Research Output

The University provides open public access to all research output produced by the University researchers. This applies to research published in academic journals via the Hiroshima University Institutional Repository. This policy does not transfer copyright ownership.

3. Scope of Application

This policy applies to all research output published after the policy goes into effect. However, it is also recommended that research output published prior to the policy going into effect be publicly released as well.

4. Exceptions

The University will not provide open public access to research output it has judged to be unfit for open access.

5. Submission

Researchers should promptly submit the author’s final manuscript to the University after obtaining informed and formal consent of co-authors (if applicable).

6. Preserving Research Materials

Researchers should retain research materials as advised in the “Hiroshima University Research Materials Preservation Guidelines.”

7. Others

Open access issues unstated in this policy shall be discussed and negotiated between all parties concerned (i.e., the University and researchers) when they arise.