

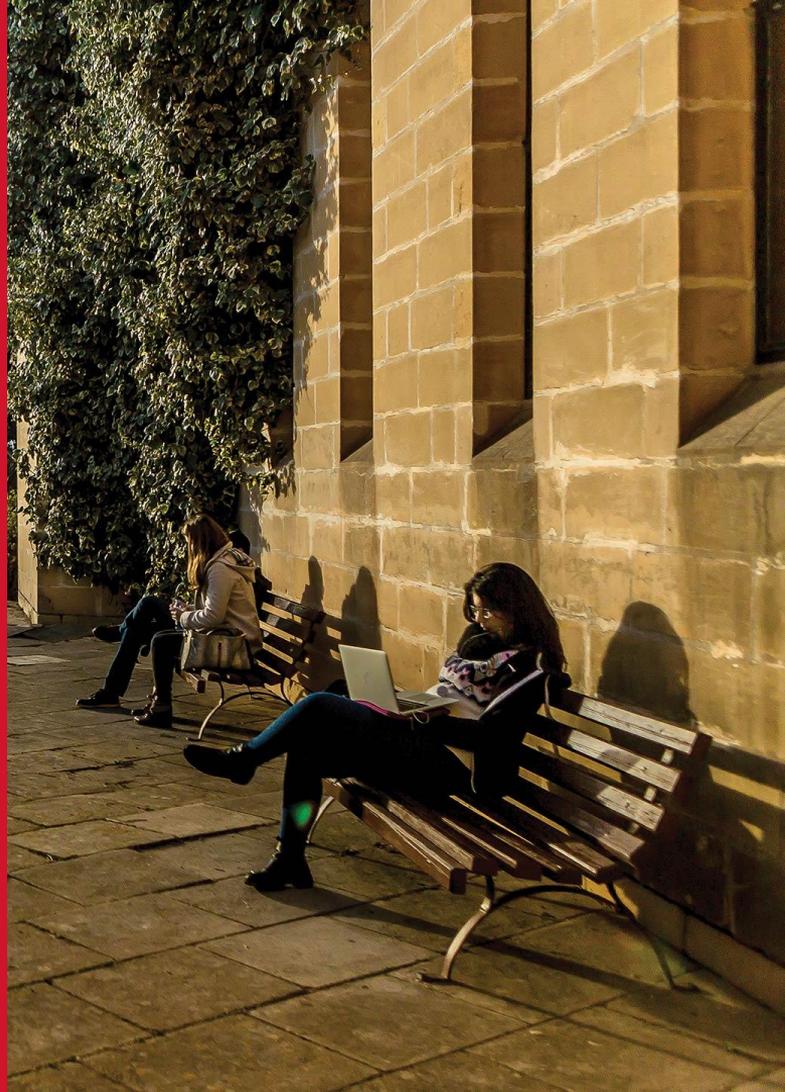
# Open Access Policy for the University of Malta : an Overview

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# Open Access Policy?

**Open access (OA)** refers to the practice of providing online access to scientific information that is free of charge to the end-user and reusable. 'Scientific' refers to all academic disciplines. In the context of research and innovation, 'scientific information' can mean:

1. peer-reviewed scientific research articles (published in scholarly journals) or
2. research data (data underlying publications, curated data and/or raw data).

[Guidelines to the Rules on Open Access to Scientific Publications and Open Access to Research Data in Horizon 2020]

**Open Access Policy** expresses the commitment of an institution to disseminate the research and scholarship as widely as possible

# What is an Open Access Policy for the University of Malta (UM OA Policy)?

Legally binding document that serves to ensure that all research outputs produced under the auspices of the University are made freely available to everyone via the Institutional Repository OAR@UM.

'Researchers are encouraged to deposit all research produced under the auspices of the UM in OAR@UM' (UM OA Policy § 3.1)

<https://www.um.edu.mt/library/oar//handle/123456789/20022>

# Benefits of UM OA Policy: University of Malta

- Collects and preserves its scientific output and disseminates it through its Institutional Repository
- Provides the possibility of indexing and tracking the scientific output of the institution from international search engines on the internet such as Google
- Monitors the number of visits and use, and collects data and indicators that can be used in institutional planning, and the search for sources of funding
- Provides opportunities for the use and re-use of the institution's output for scientific purposes
- Strengthens international communication and collaboration channels and the institution's international profile

# Benefits of UM OA Policy : Researcher

- Enhances the visibility of their research and their citations
- Increases the usage of their research
- Increases the impact of their research
- Obtains a permanent link for each of their research output
- Collects entire research output on one platform



# UM OA Policy Compilation (1)

- **Identifying a working group within the Library**
- **Literature review – evaluation of several documents regarding OA Policies**

The H2020 Guidelines on OA to Scientific Publications and Research Data in H2020

Fact Sheet OA to publications and Data in H2020: FAQ

PASTEUR4OA/ Open Access policy guidelines for research institutions

- **Literature review – evaluation of several selected OA Policies**

# UM OA Policy Compilation (2)

- **Identifying the themes that constitute an OA Policy**

Definitions relating to OA Policy, responsibilities of stakeholders involved, copyright issues, waiver options and embargo periods, licence issues etc.

- **Compiling the first draft**

- **Communicating the policy with different stakeholders**

Library Management, UM Legal Office, Directorate for Corporate Research and Knowledge Transfer, University of Minho, PASTEUR4OA

- **Amending the Policy according to the stakeholders' suggestions**

# UM OA Policy Compilation (3)

- **Communicating the policy with Rectorate**  
Open Access Policy approved by Rectorate
- **Presenting the Policy to Senate in September 2017**



# UM OA Policy – Depositing Research



# Who should deposit?

'**Researchers** are strongly encouraged to deposit a copy of all peer-reviewed research publications produced under the auspices of the UM in OAR@UM' (§ 3.2)

**Researcher** is a member of staff of the UM who has a Council appointment of employment and who performs research as defined in the UM OA Policy.

**Research** means any systematic investigation or study funded by the UM, and intended as a contribution to scholarship. It refers to the research output created by the researcher in accordance with the UM's collective agreement, and/or any research conducted through a research grant secured by virtue of the researcher's affiliation with the UM.

# Where to deposit?

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OAR@UM is the UM's Institutional Repository. It serves as an online platform for the submission and dissemination of Open Access research produced under the auspices of the UM. OAR@UM is managed by the Library.

<https://www.um.edu.mt/library/oar/>

**OAR@UM**  
Open Access Repository

# How to deposit?

- **Self-deposit**

Researchers deposit their materials themselves by filling in the appropriate metadata form and attaching the soft copy of the publication

- **Mediated deposit**

Materials are deposited on behalf of Researchers by the Open Science Department or support staff

[https://www.um.edu.mt/library/about/oar@uom\\_policies#submission](https://www.um.edu.mt/library/about/oar@uom_policies#submission)

# What to deposit?

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Post-print is the final version of the output as accepted for publication, including all modifications arising from the peer review process. Post-print versions may have two forms: the Accepted Author Manuscript (AAM), or the Publisher Version (PV), also known as the publisher PDF or Version of Record (VOR).



# Which version can be deposited? (1)

**SHERPA RoMEO** is an online resource that aggregates and analyses publisher Open Access policies from around the world and provides summaries of self-archiving permissions and conditions of rights given to authors on a journal-by-journal basis

<http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/index.php>



# Which version can be deposited? (2)

One journal found when searched for: **ulster medical journal**

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One journal found when searched for: **international journal of tropical disease and health**

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Author's Pre-print:	✓ author can archive pre-print (ie pre-refereeing)
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One journal found when searched for: **early human development**

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'Researchers may also opt to deposit a copy of the peer-reviewed research paper **upon acceptance for publication** accompanied by the publisher's dated acceptance letter.' (§ 3.4)

'The full-text of all publications is to be made openly available **at the time of deposit, or as soon as possible thereafter**, subject to copyright transfer agreements.' (§ 3.3)

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OAR@UM Help:

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