

# Open Access and Student Research

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# Is Open Access Important for Students?

Easy accessible information

Unrestricted information

Improve access to research

Develop sense of belonging to the Institution

No Price Barriers

Students in any discipline



Professors/ students conduct research



Publishers compile research done (free)



Send articles to be peer-reviewed (APC)



Distribution (Subscription prices which go to publisher)

**Result? University Libraries have to pick and choose between journal subscriptions.**



# The Debate

A long standing debate

Make research/school work accessible

The work is shared, not constrained by paywalls and legal regimes

Financial barriers, therefore limiting the access of research

Students are a large stakeholder



# Benefits for Students

## Complete Education:

Access to latest research

Beneficial for their first career experience

More Information = Prioritise the relevance of the information

Updated Knowledge



# Benefits for Students

## Better Learning Experience

Not available for professors; Not available for students

Professors need to keep uptodate

Teach what what is accessible rather than what needs to be known

Beneficial for career building



# Benefits for Students

## Search for Papers

Easy to cite from peer- reviewed journals

Once online, students/ academics have access

Have access to a wide range



# Benefits for Students

## Level Playing Field

The accessibility does not depend on funds of the institution

No institution can provide a complete scholarly record

No limits to resources

Knowledge-elite





# Benefits for Students

## Better Visibility

Make the work available to anyone interested

More Readers = More Recognition

Studies show that open access articles are cited by other authors more frequently than comparable article which have restricted access



# Benefits for Students

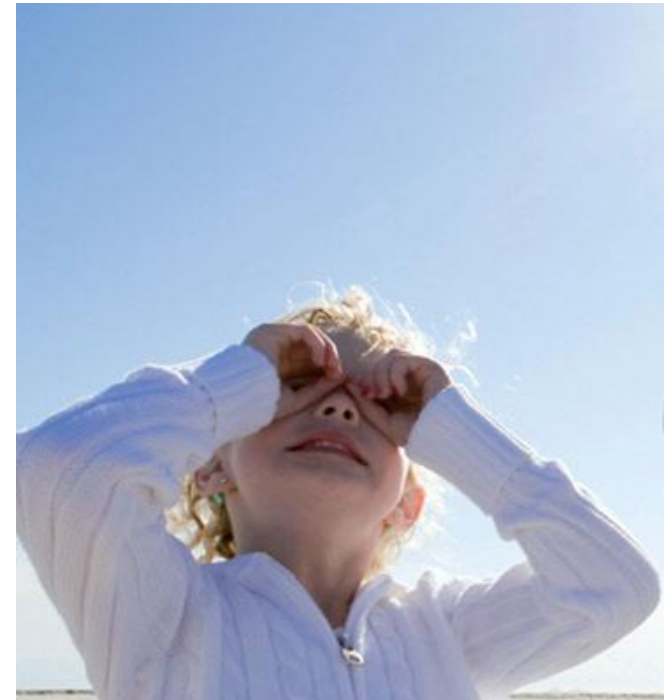
## No Limits to Knowledge

No access after finishing studies

Open Access = continuous research

Leave an impact in the respective field

Access should not be limited to Institutional Library





# Students- Contributors for Academic Research

Work conducted by Students can be made public

Students as stakeholder/collaborators

Aid for other students

Expose students to Research

Academics can monitor the interests of the students

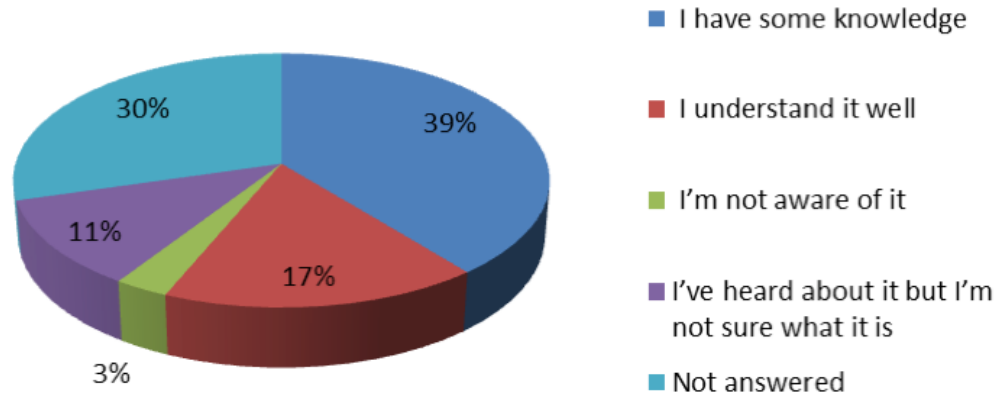
Promote Research as a career

Altruistic idea regarding knowledge

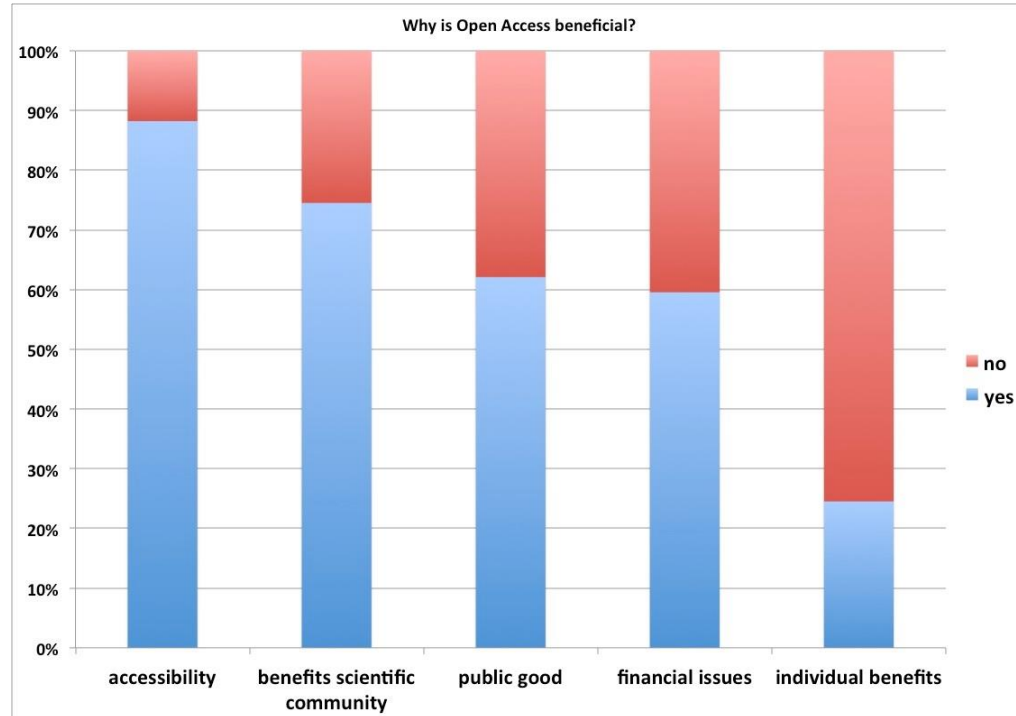


# What do early-career researchers think about open access?

A survey of PhD. Students and Posdocs at Max Planck Institutes across Germany



# What do early-career researchers think about open access?



# Research as a career?

Expose students to a vast range of up-to-date research

Motivate students to take Research as a career

Beneficial for the Industry and economy



# Way Forward

Promote Open Access amongst students

Promote Open Access amongst academics

Promote Open Access amongst general public

Urge Student Organisations to join the debate and advocate open access

Design an institution policy in regards to open access

Advocate Nationally





# Questions?

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