

Open Access: Liberate Your Research

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What is Open Access?

Open Access is the free, immediate, online availability of research works, coupled with the rights to use these articles fully in the digital environment.

(Source: www.sparc.arl.org/issues/open-access)

Why Open Access?

Research improves the public good through scientific discovery, innovation, and education - yet too often the results are closed behind subscription paywalls, inaccessible to the majority of a community of potential users.

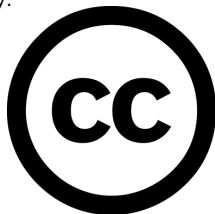
The Internet gives us the opportunity to bring research to a worldwide audience at virtually no cost, with benefits to all

Open Access Benefits Researchers by:

- Increasing visibility and impact of research work
- Creating new avenues for discovery
- Enhancing interdisciplinary research and collaboration
- Accelerating the pace of research, discovery, and innovation

Open Access Benefits the Community by:

- Democratizing access to research across all populations
- Providing previously unattainable access to underfunded groups
- Encouraging innovation with access to cutting-edge research
- Enriching the quality of education



Open Access is compatible with:

- copyright
- peer review
- revenue (even profit)
- print
- preservation
- prestige
- quality
- career advancement
- indexing
- & other features and supportive services associated with conventional scholarly literature. (Source: Peter Suber, "Open Access Overview," 2004)

Resources

At Pitt:

- Open Access @ Pitt: openaccess.pitt.edu/
- Pitt OA Author Fee Fund: library.pitt.edu/about-open-access-author-fees-fund
- D-Scholarship, the Pitt archive: d-scholarship.pitt.edu

Beyond Pitt:

- Scholarly Publishing & Academic Resources Coalition: sparc.arl.org/issues/open-access
- Directory of Open Access Journals: doaj.org
- Creative Commons: creativecommons.org
- SHERPA/RoMEO - publisher & journal policies: sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/

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- Volunteer as a reviewer or editor for an Open Access journal
- Start the OA conversation with a toll-access journal
- Celebrate Open Access Week with us

