

Open Access Policy and Flowchart
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The faculty of the University of Florida is committed to disseminating its research and scholarship as widely as possible. In keeping with the University's mission as a public, land-grant, sea-grant and space-grant institution, we are dedicated to maximizing access to our work by the citizens of Florida and scholars, educators, and policymakers worldwide. In confirmation of that commitment, the faculty encourages its members to safeguard their rights as authors through negotiation of publisher agreements to allow deposit for public access, storage and preservation. The faculty also endorses the development of an informed process by which faculty members can easily and readily provide open access to their scholarly output through preservation of scholarly journal articles in the Institutional Repository at the University of Florida (IR@UF), in a relevant subject based open access repository, (e.g., arXiv), or in another repository that fulfills an open access mandate by a grant-funding body.

Accordingly the faculty hereby adopts the following policy:

Each University of Florida faculty member who voluntarily complies with this policy grants to the University a nonexclusive, irrevocable, worldwide license to exercise any and all rights under copyright law pertaining to each of his or her authored or co-authored scholarly journal articles that are published in any medium. This license does not transfer copyright ownership or authorize a use that interferes with the rights of the author or co-authors. Copyright ownership remains with the author(s) of the articles.

To accomplish this, faculty members are encouraged to deposit an electronic copy of each scholarly journal article according to the terms of applicable copyright agreements, if any. In the absence of a mandate by a grant funding agency to deposit articles in a specific public access repository, faculty are encouraged to deposit scholarly journal articles in the UF Institutional Repository (IR@UF) and/or in a relevant subject based open access repository.

To facilitate such deposit, faculty members are encouraged to seek to amend terms of future publication agreements to retain the right to use their own work, as well as to retain the right to deposit such work in an open access scholarly repository for public access.

This policy only applies to scholarly journal articles completed after the effective date of this policy and while the author is a member of the University of Florida faculty. Faculty members who deposit their work voluntarily or in accordance with a funding agency mandate should submit an electronic "Notice of Publication" to the Smathers Libraries.

The University Libraries Committee will submit a report to the Faculty Senate annually on the level of participation. The policy will be reviewed by the Faculty Senate three years after its effective date; however, the Faculty Senate may elect to amend the policy in any regard before this three year review period is ended.

