

## Publishers Support Open Science and Sustainable Public Access

The undersigned publishers, scientific societies, associations, and research-related organizations are dedicated to advancing scientific communication and supporting the integrity of research by providing rigorous, validated information that scientists, doctors, engineers, researchers from all fields, and the public can rely upon. To achieve this goal, we have long been committed to producing and broadly disseminating high-quality journals, books, databases, and other content.

We strongly support open science and related efforts to enhance the dissemination of data and reports on research. We offer a variety of public access options, which may include open access and hybrid journals, article self-archiving under appropriate embargo, transformative agreements (e.g. “read and publish”), and other means. We also partner with research communities to invest in initiatives that advance data sharing and foster open practices to strengthen research integrity, reproducibility, and scholarly communication more broadly.

The ongoing public health crisis highlights the importance of publishers’ work and commitment to promoting scientific discovery. Publishers are working to accelerate peer review and provide reliable and accurate information to guide decisions in addressing the COVID-19 pandemic.

To maximize the impact of federally funded research, it is critical to promote open science through a flexible and sustainable framework that supports and upholds the value of scientific and scholarly communication. Federal policy created in the Obama Administration and implemented in agency policies in recent years has been successful because it uses a flexible approach to make articles that report on taxpayer-funded research widely available and discoverable.

We believe any policy aimed at promoting public access to publications and research data should:

- **Promote equity** through author choice by ensuring that all researchers—regardless of funding, discipline, career stage, or institution—are allowed to publish in their journals of choice, including those that ensure their publishing is economically sustainable through appropriate embargoes for free public access, such as the one-year embargo in existing policy.
- **Provide sufficient funding** to researchers to enable cutting-edge research and discovery and to support investments in sharing their results, ensuring the quality and integrity of scholarly communication.
- **Protect academic freedom** by empowering authors to publish in the outlets they feel have greatest potential to reach target audiences and advance the impact of their research.
- **Protect intellectual property**—which is critical to safeguarding the integrity of authors’ work and provides essential incentives for market investment and innovation—and avoid compulsory license mandates that undermine IP and ignore the needs and preferences of researchers and differences between disciplines.
- **Support innovation** in scholarly communication by fostering a competitive marketplace and a diverse range of business models to meet the needs of a wide variety of researchers and institutions.
- **Leverage existing initiatives** that reduce compliance burdens and the need for taxpayer funding, building on existing infrastructures and voluntary open science practices for data, preprints, and publications.
- **Include publishers as stakeholders** to advance broader priorities for the research ecosystem—including promoting equity and diversity in research and addressing critical public health and scientific challenges—and build partnerships between publishers, scientific societies, funders, libraries, and the academic community to advance a collaborative open science agenda.

**The undersigned organizations look forward to continuing to work with researchers, institutions of higher education, libraries, federal agencies, and policymakers to support successful policies consistent with the principles above.**

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Agricultural & Applied Economics Association  
AIP Publishing  
American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology  
American Academy of Neurology  
American Academy of Ophthalmology  
American Association for Anatomy  
American Association for Cancer Research  
American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy  
American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus (AAPOS)  
American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases  
American Association of Physicists in Medicine  
American Astronomical Society  
American Chemical Society  
American College of Cardiology  
American College of Nurse Midwives  
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
American College of Physicians  
American College of Rheumatology  
American Counseling Association  
American Dental Association  
American Diabetes Association  
American Gastroenterological Association  
American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics  
American Institute of Biological Sciences  
American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine  
American Laryngological, Rhinological, and Otological Society, Inc. aka The Triological Society  
American Mathematical Society  
American Medical Association  
American Nutrition Association  
American Physical Society  
American Psychological Association  
American Shoulder and Elbow Surgeons  
American Society for Bone and Mineral Research  
American Society for Investigative Pathology  
American Society for Public Administration  
American Society for Radiation Oncology  
American Society for Surgery of the Hand  
American Society of Agronomy  
American Society of Association Executives  
American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)  
American Society of Clinical Oncology  
American Society of Hematology  
American Society of Plant Biologists  
American Thoracic Society  
American Urological Association

American Water Works Association  
ASME  
Association of American Publishers  
Biophysical Society  
Botanical Society of America  
Burleigh Dodds Science Publishing  
Common Ground Research Networks  
Copyright Clearance Center  
Crop Science Society of America  
De Gruyter  
Ecological Society of America  
Elsevier  
Emerald Publishing  
Entomological Society of America  
Geological Society of America  
Heart Rhythm Society  
Helminthological Society of Washington  
IEEE Publication Services & Products Board  
Illuminating Engineering Society  
INFORMS  
Institute of Food Technologists  
Institute of Industrial & Systems Engineers  
International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer  
International Literacy Association  
International Society for Advancement of Cytometry  
International Society of Automation  
International Union of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology  
IOP Publishing  
IOS Press  
John Benjamins Publishing Co.  
National Groundwater Association  
National Rural Health Association  
National Society for Histotechnology  
NEJM Group  
New York Academy of Sciences  
Oxford University Press (OUP)  
Partners in Digital Health  
School Science and Mathematics Association  
Society for Cardiovascular Pathology  
Society for Community Research and Action  
Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics  
Society for Mining, Metallurgy, & Exploration  
Society for Psychophysiological Research  
Society for Redox Biology and Medicine  
Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction  
Society for Vascular Surgery  
Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry  
Society of Pediatric Nurses  
Society of Petroleum Engineers  
Software and Information Industry Association

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Springer Nature  
STM  
Taylor & Francis  
The American Association of Immunologists  
The Bioelectromagnetics Society  
The Family Process Institute  
The Minerals, Metals & Materials Society  
The Optical Society (OSA)  
The Remote Sensing and Photogrammetry Society  
The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine  
The Society for the Experimental Analysis of Behavior  
The Society of Rheology  
Virtus Interpress  
Western Economic Association International  
Wiley  
Wolters Kluwer