

NHMRC Open Access Policy – How to comply

The [NHMRC Open Access Policy](#) **mandates** open access sharing of publications that arise from NHMRC-funded research. The policy also encourages open access to research data and requires that patents resulting from NHMRC funding be made findable through listing in [SourcefP](#).

The aims of the policy are to increase dissemination and improve accessibility of research, increase reuse of research data, improve research integrity and contribute to a stronger knowledge economy.

Policy mandate applies to:

- **Peer-reviewed articles** and **peer-reviewed conference papers** that report on original research
- Grants awarded from **20 September 2022** [see below for information related to grants awarded prior to 20 September 2022]

Requirements:

- Publications arising from NHMRC funding must be **immediately open access** under a [Creative Commons Attribution](#) (CC BY) licence via one of 2 routes:

1. *Journal-based Open Access (Version of Record)*

Making the *version of record* (i.e. published version) *immediately* open access with a CC BY licence

- May attract a fee or article processing charge (APC)
- NHMRC funding may be used towards APCs but APCs cannot be part of the grant application budget (see [Clause 1.3.5](#))
- UTS Read & Publish agreements with select publishers may provide APC-free publication for open access articles – see [UTS Library website](#) for details
- Contact [UTS Library](#) for help finding appropriate journals, understanding licencing requirements, or advice on UTS Read & Publish agreements

2. *Repository-based [e.g. OPUS] (Author Accepted Manuscript)*

Making the *Author Accepted Manuscript (AAM)* *immediately* open access with a CC BY licence by depositing the AAM in an open online repository such as an institutional repository (e.g. [OPUS](#)) or other subject-based repository.

- Author must include this statement when submitting the manuscript for publication to ensure licencing arrangements are in place prior to any publishing agreement:

‘This research was funded in whole or part by the National Health and Medical Research Council [Grant number]. For the purposes of open access, the author has applied a CC BY public copyright licence to any Author Accepted Manuscript version arising from this submission’.

- A publisher-requested delay or ‘embargo period’ for the AAM does not meet the requirements of the Policy and should be refused
- Depositing work to OPUS is done via [Symplectic Elements](#) - please ensure the publication record is linked to the correct grant record prior to depositing to

OPUS (see [Symplectic Manual](#) or contact rkit@uts.edu.au or opus@uts.edu.au for help)

- Publication metadata must also be in an institutional repository (e.g. [OPUS](#)) no later than 3 months after publication

Grants awarded prior to 22 September 2022

- Publications up to 31 Dec 2023 must be open access in a repository or other acceptable location within 12-month period as per old policy