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## Position statement in support of open access

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Sheffield is committed to the principles of open access to research outputs in order to ensure that its world-class research is available as widely as possible to maximize its impact within both the academic research community and more widely within society.

A further consideration is that many key research funders now make the publication of outputs as open access a condition of funding. HEFCE have also announced that articles and conference papers accepted for publication from April 2016 onwards must be available in an open access format if they are to be submitted to the next REF. Therefore The University of Sheffield strongly recommends that staff deposit all outputs resulting from their research into the institutional repository White Rose Research Online (WRRO) wherever practicable, while honouring publishers' agreements with regards to the version of the output that can be deposited and any applicable embargo periods. Where funding is available, researchers should also explore gold open access options offered by publishers.

WRRO can act as a showcase for our research, benefitting both the institution and researcher by engaging with new audiences and potentially increasing citations.

To encourage this, and to ensure compliance with external open access mandates, it is the responsibility of all University of Sheffield academics to:

1. Record details of all research outputs\* in MyPublications.
2. Deposit in White Rose Research Online (WRRO) a copy of the final accepted peer-reviewed manuscript of all journal articles and conference papers accepted for publication or published since the 1st of January 2014.
3. Deposit in WRRO a copy of the final accepted peer-reviewed manuscript of all future articles and conference papers, along with evidence of the date of acceptance, as soon as possible (and no later than two months from the date of acceptance).
4. Deposit other types of research outputs, eg. book chapters, reports, creative outputs, and grey literature, into WRRO where agreement to do so can be reached with the respective publisher.

5. Some research funders require work to be published through 'Gold' open access and provide funding to support this. Please see the university open access web page <https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/library/openaccess/how> for applicable funders, eligibility requirements and application procedures before submitting articles for publication.

*\*research outputs as defined within the REF assessment guidance*