

Open Access Policy 2022

Introduction

Manchester Metropolitan University firmly believes that published research findings are a public good and that making them available as widely as possible maximises their impact within the academic community and society as a whole. This policy is in line with Open Access (OA) principles and research funder policies that endorse free, online, and unrestricted access, where possible, to all research outputs.

There are two main routes to Open Access:

- **Green OA** involves depositing the research output into an Open Access research repository, e.g. e-space. Publishers may impose an embargo on access to the full-text.
- **Gold OA** usually involves the payment of an Article Processing Charge (APC) to the publisher in order to make the article open access within a journal.

The University supports these two routes to OA as viable models for publication and has put in place systems, staffing and funds to support this (see **Responsibilities**).

Scope

- The policy applies to all researchers at the University who produce outputs from their research.
- The policy applies to all research outputs (e.g. journal articles, conference papers, book chapters, reports, artistic outputs, theses, data) authored or co-authored by staff or post-graduate researchers at the University.

The Policy

- Researchers may follow either the Green route or the Gold route to Open Access but must comply with funder and publisher requirements when choosing the appropriate OA route.
- All research outputs **must** be deposited into e-space, the University's research repository, via Symplectic if appropriate, the University's Current Research Information Management System, immediately after they are accepted for publication.
- All publications should acknowledge affiliation to Manchester Metropolitan University, and, where appropriate, any funder who has supported the research.

Responsibilities

Researchers

- Responsible for ensuring that their research outputs are made Open Access irrespective of whether the output is eligible for the REF.

- Responsible for ensuring that their outputs are available in e-space on acceptance of publication to be eligible for the REF.

Library Services

- Responsible for maintaining and managing the University's research repository, e-space.
- Responsible for ensuring that the outputs deposited in e-space adhere to publishers' Open Access policies.
- The Library seeks to ensure that the University takes full advantage of open access publishing discounts and agreements.

The University

- Responsible for providing financial support to publish Open Access including the APC budget that the Library administers.

Research and Knowledge Exchange (RKE)

- Responsible for monitoring compliance with funder mandates.

Funding for Gold Open Access

- An Article Processing Charge (APC) is usually required to make a journal article Open Access via the Gold route. This allows deposit of a copy of the published article within e-space, the University's research repository.
- The University has an institutional APC fund to support Gold OA publication of journal articles, where this is required by funder mandate or publisher policy. Researchers may also apply for an APC where they believe there is justification. Researchers can access this fund provided they have approval from their Faculty Head of RKE or Research Centre Head. Details of how to apply for this funding is on the Library website: <https://www.mmu.ac.uk/library/staff-and-researchers/open-access>. The University also has a small grant from UKRI to support the OA publication of any outputs generated from UKRI -funded research.

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