



## Kresge Library Open Access Resolution

Oakland University's (OU) Kresge Library faculty members believe that open access to research and scholarship aligns with our mission as a public state institution of higher education and is important for scholarly communication. The open access publishing model allows free, immediate access to research which enables the discovery and use of information and promotes the development of new ideas. Further, open access mechanisms enable continuous, free dissemination of research to an international audience of scientists, researchers, faculty, students and the public. For these reasons we pledge to:

- ❖ Engage the entire OU community in discussions about open access;
- ❖ Make our own research freely available whenever possible by seeking publishers that have either adopted open access policies, publish content online without restriction, and/or allow authors to self-archive their publications on the web;
- ❖ Link to and/or self-archive our publications to make them freely available;
- ❖ Inform and discuss scholarly publication issues, including open access, copyright and license agreements, and author rights, with all OU faculty, students, staff and administrators;
- ❖ Encourage all faculty to publish their research in openly accessible journals whenever possible;
- ❖ Help faculty to identify potential open access publishing venues and provide guidance on how to read, understand and request amendments to copyright agreements;
- ❖ Support the development and maintenance of infrastructures that promote open access to scholarship at OU (such as an Institutional Repository) and establish procedures for collecting and making available open access content;
- ❖ Give equal consideration to peer-reviewed articles published in open access journals during the tenure and promotion process and encourage this practice throughout the university.

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