



# Tri-Agency Open Access Policy on Publications

## What are the chief requirements of the policy?

- "Any peer-reviewed journal publications arising from Agency-supported research are freely accessible within 12 months of publication."
  - Applies to NSERC and SSHRC grants awarded May 1, 2015 and onward.
  - Applies to CIHR grants awarded January 1, 2008 and later.

It is the responsibility of the researcher to ensure the policy is followed.

See: "[Tri-Agency Open Access Policy on Publications](#)".

Check your journal!

Review journals' open archiving policies using [Sherpa/Romeo](#).

Related information

[Fonds de recherche du Québec \(FRQ\) open access policy](#)

## How can I make my publications open access?

There are three routes to meet the policy's requirements:

1. Deposit a version of your article in an open access repository.
  - This may be either one specialized for your discipline or one [run by your institution](#).
  - Researchers should ensure their author agreements permit this option
  - The version you deposit, must be "the final full-text peer-reviewed manuscript (the post-print) or the published version where allowable. The final full-text peer-reviewed manuscript must include all tables, figures, images and appendices."
2. Publish in an open access journal.
  - For journals that use Article Processing Charges (APCs) , APCs are allowable grant expenses. See [McGill Library's list of APC discounts](#).
3. Publish in a subscription journal and pay an OA fee
  - See [McGill Library's list of APC discounts](#).

## Does posting to my website or ResearchGate count as open access?

No it does not.

The [Tri-Agency FAQ](#) states: "Although making articles available on a personal website is permissible, the Agencies require that a copy also be made available through an online repository or journal within 12 months to reach a broad audience more effectively and to ensure long-term accessibility."

See also: [How to make your research open access](#).

## Where can I get more information?

- [Frequently-Asked Questions \(Tri-Agency Policy on Open Access\)](#)
- [Toolbox \(Tri-Agency Policy on Open Access\)](#)
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