

Colorado State University Libraries' Faculty Open Access Commitment

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Preamble

The Colorado State University Libraries' Faculty believes that the free exchange of information and ideas is vital to scholarly discourse. Open Access to scholarly communication accelerates the creation of knowledge while simultaneously increasing the visibility of research results. Members of the academic community share a common interest in the broadest possible dissemination of peer-reviewed literature and other products of the scholarly process.

Traditional publishing practices inhibit the free dissemination of scholarly work; university library collection budgets are increasingly strained by the rising costs of journals and databases. Open publishing models reduce financial pressure on libraries while expanding access to scholarly information, ensuring its long-term accessibility and maintaining scholarly standards of quality.

The Colorado State University Libraries Faculty endorse the principles of Open Access and seek to make our research as openly available and widely distributed as possible.

Statement of Commitment

We, the faculty of Colorado State University Libraries, support open access to our scholarly publications.

Libraries faculty will:

1. Disseminate their scholarship broadly by making it openly accessible, online and free of charge when possible.
2. Actively seek publishers whose policies allow research to be made freely available online.
3. Engage in good faith negotiations with all publishers to allow deposit of pre- or post-print versions of all forms of published scholarly works in Colorado State University's institutional repository, *Digital Collections of Colorado*. This applies to all forms of published scholarly work, including:
 - journal articles
 - books/book chapters
 - conference proceedings
 - reviews
 - substantial presentations
 - internal reports

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This commitment gives faculty the latitude and individual discretion to publish where they deem necessary, given career goals, intended audience, and other reasonable factors.

After one year, participation and implementation will be reviewed. A report will be presented to CSU Libraries Faculty Council, and suggestions for revisions will be considered.

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