



CIHR's Policy on Access to Research Outputs



Why is Open Access Important?

- Access to the largest possible audience
- Increases the visibility and potential use of research (more accesses, downloads, and citations)
- Facilitates knowledge use by reducing barriers to evidence (decision makers, health professionals, public)
- Increases access to research literature across disciplines and in low income countries
- Increased discoverability and browseability increases efficiency in conducting research (archive of health literature)



Access to Published Outputs

“Recipients of CIHR funding must make every effort to ensure that peer-reviewed articles are freely available online within six months of publication”

Applies to grants
awarded after
January 1st, 2008

Grant recipients have **two** options:

- (1) Archive peer reviewed manuscripts in an open access repository; or
- (2) Publish in an open access journal



Compliance: An Overview

Know your Journal!

- *Is the journal open access?*
- *Does the journal permit archiving?*
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- *Notify publisher of CIHR policy*
- *Amend agreement and retain rights*

**Address
copyright**

Deposit in Open Access Archive

- *PubMed Central Canada*
- *or Institutional*

Publish in an Open Access Journal

- *Fees are an eligible expense*

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Who is responsible for ensuring that a publication is freely accessible online?

A. Generally the nominated principal investigator (NPI) would be responsible for ensuring adherence with CIHR policy. However, it is acceptable for the NPI to designate a co-author to ensure that manuscripts have been archived in a timely manner.

Q. How do I know if a journal is open access?

A. <http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/>

Q. How do I pay open access publishing fees? (i.e. article processing charges)

A. Open access-related fees are considered an eligible expense for CIHR grants. You should be including these costs in your budget proposals when applying for grants (typically \$2000-3500 p/article)



Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What version and format of my paper must be deposited in these publication archives?

A. If an article isn't already open access through the journal website, the author(s) must archive the final full text peer reviewed manuscript (i.e., postprint), or the published version where allowable. Furthermore, the final full text peer reviewed manuscript must include all tables, figures, images, appendices and any supplemental information.

Q. When do I archive my peer reviewed manuscript?

A. CIHR grant recipients are encouraged to deposit the final peer-reviewed full text manuscript immediately upon publication. However, grant recipients may delay open access to the manuscript to abide by publisher embargo periods, but this delay must be no longer than six months following the publication date.



Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What if my journal of choice does not permit archiving of manuscripts within six months?

A. CIHR respects the authors' right to choose the appropriate journal for publishing their research results, however we would encourage authors to make an effort to retain key rights (e.g., archiving manuscripts). If authors are unsuccessful in retaining the right to archive, CIHR will view this as a reasonable exception, however some authors may wish to reconsider where they submit their manuscript in the future.

Q. How do I retain copyright of my research paper?

A. CIHR encourages grant recipients to publish in journals that are open access or permit authors to deposit their peer-reviewed manuscript in an open access archive, such as [PubMed Central Canada](#) (PMC Canada). For journals that do not allow archiving of peer-reviewed manuscripts, CIHR encourages authors to retain key rights through the use of a publication addendum



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“I want a poor student to have the same means of indulging his learned curiosity, of following his rational pursuits, of consulting the same authorities, of fathoming the most intricate inquiry as the richest man in the kingdom, as far as books go, and I contend that the Government is bound to give him the most liberal and unlimited assistance in this respect.”



Anthony Panizzi, Chief Librarian of the British Library (1856-66)

