

# Open Science – a blueprint for the university in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?

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- Open Science – a view from LERU
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- Next Steps



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Flaxman Gallery, UCL

# European Commission: Open Science Policy Platform – 8 pillars of Open Science

Future of Scholarly Communication

EOSC (European Open Science Cloud)

FAIR Data

Education & Skills

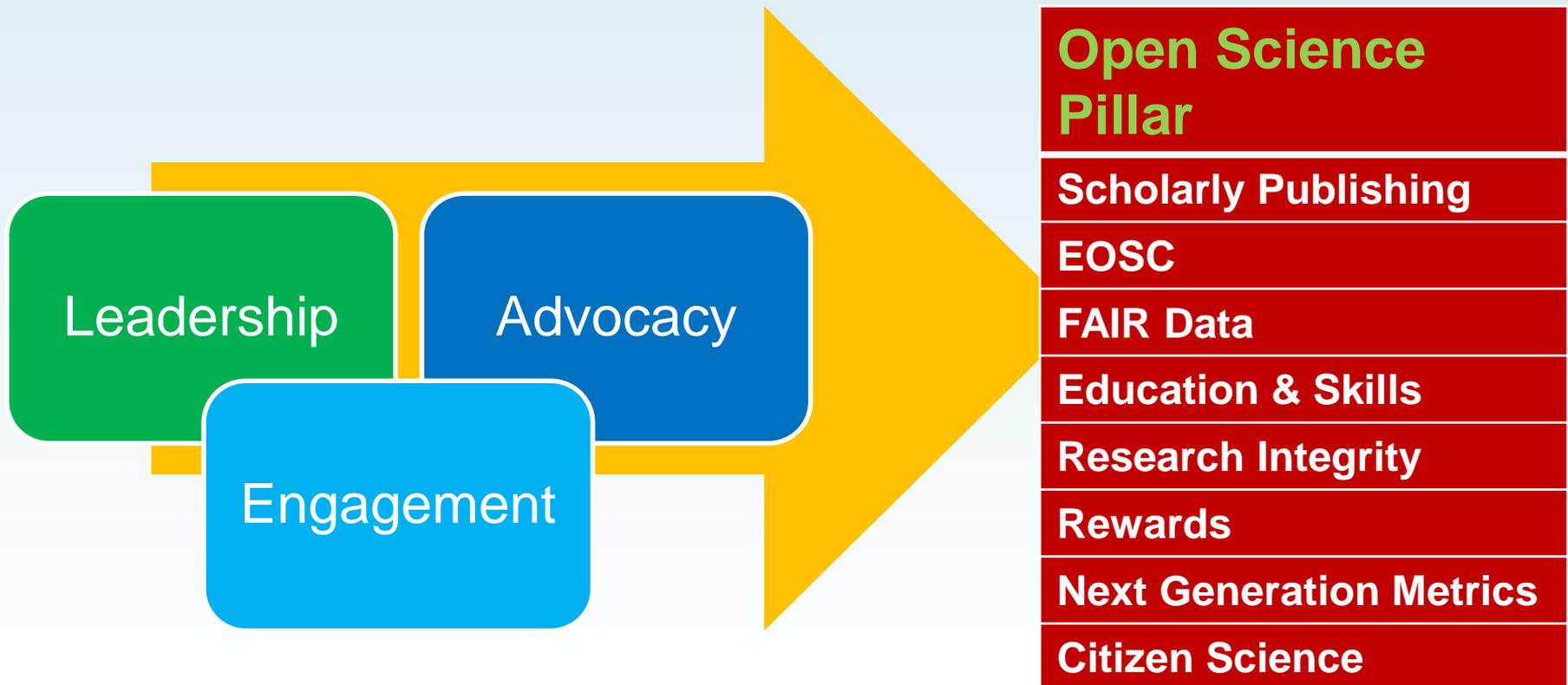
Research Integrity

Rewards

Next Generation Metrics

Citizen Science

# UCL Open Science Office



Activities planned in all areas for 2020-21



# Bespoke publishing platforms



Rapid publication



Innovative open peer review



Interdisciplinary collaboration



Reduced administration



Inclusive publishing

## Statistics

Explore download statistics for UCL Press books. For more information on how we collect and record our data, [click here](#).

Total Access

**4,187,722**

Countries and Territories Reached

**244**

Print unit sales total

**22,639**

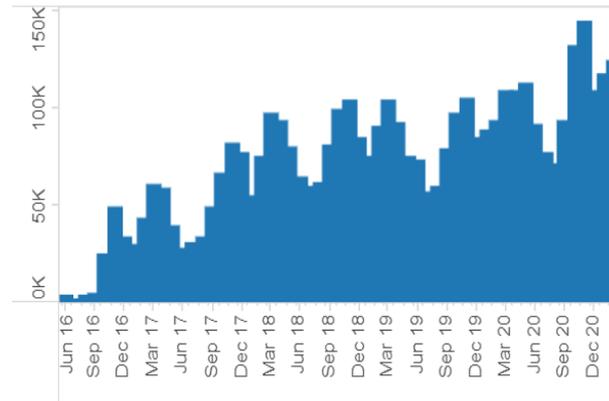
Published Titles

**185**

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Monthly Access



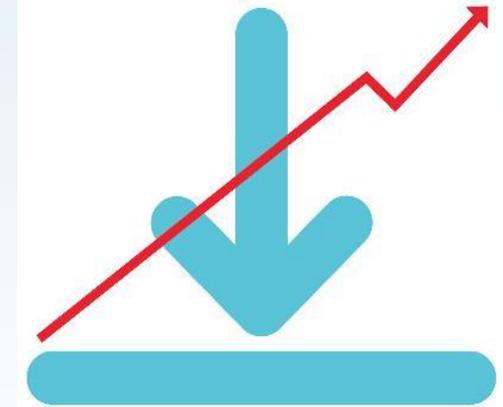
Global Reach



## Use & Impact

**4 million+**

downloads since June 2015

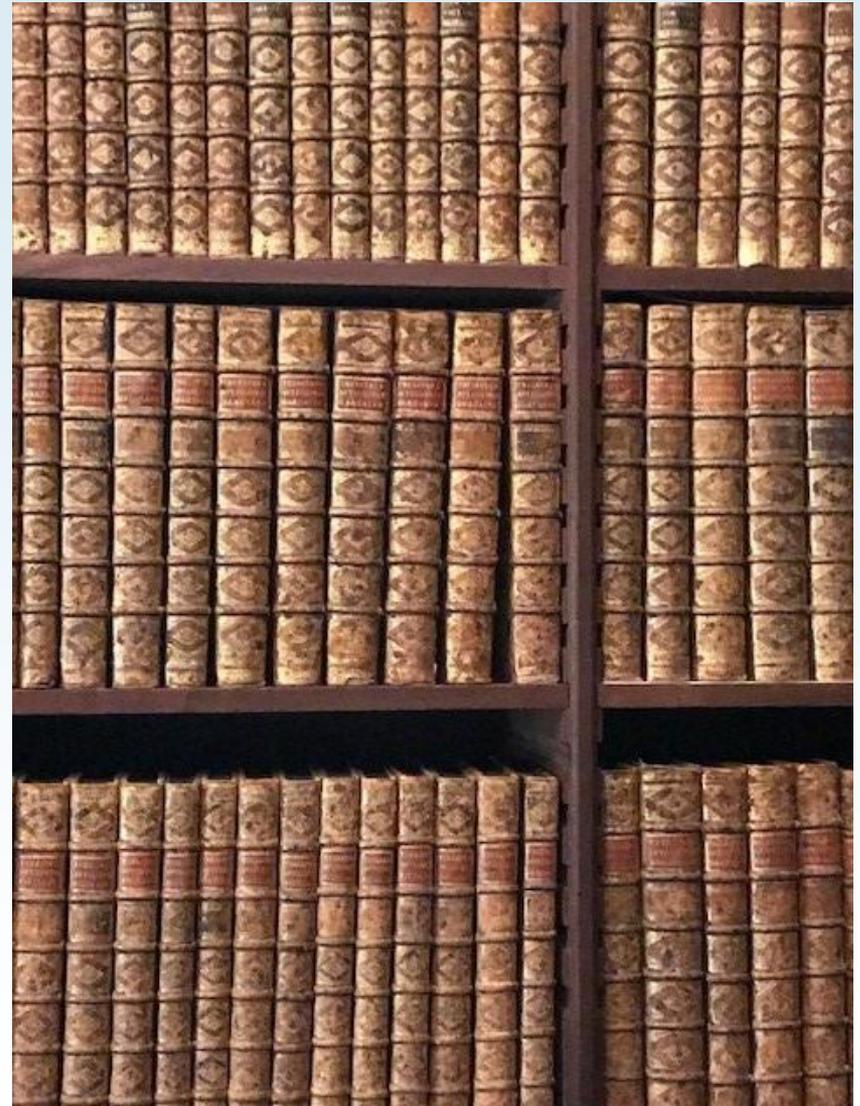


**244 countries**

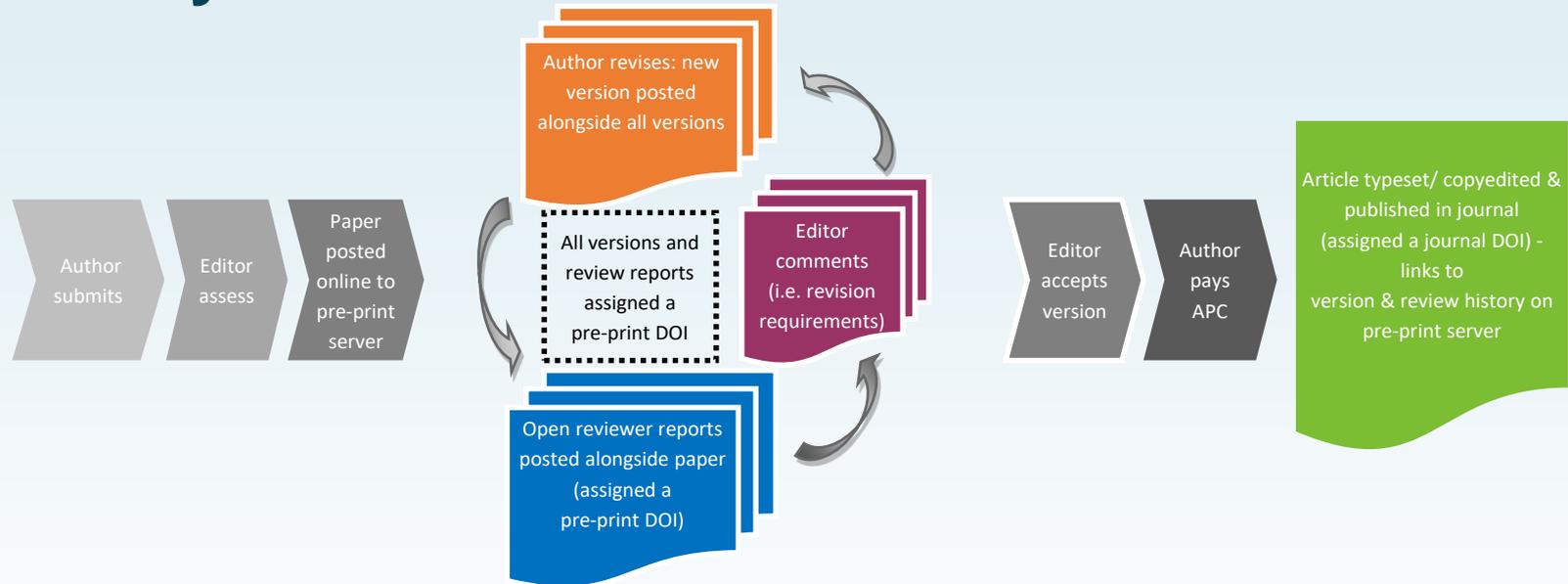
## UCL Press offers publishing services



- Dublin City University is the first university to buy publishing services from UCL
- All outputs to be branded as Dublin City University Press
- All enquiries welcomed
- <https://www.uclpress.co.uk/>



# Megajournal platform, *UCL Open*, launched 31 January 2019



- ❑ UCL Open: Environment - <https://ucl-about.scienceopen.com/>
- ❑ Inter-disciplinary and cross-disciplinary content
- ❑ Fast turn-around times being planned

## Next-Generation Metrics

- ❑ UCL Bibliometrics Policy signed off on 27 Feb. 2020
- ❑ 3 years in the development
- ❑ Aligned with DORA and Leiden Manifesto
- ❑ Discourages the use of Journal Impact Factors as a surrogate for Quality
- ❑ Identifies that H-Index discriminates against Early Career Researchers who have taken a family break



## Next-Generation Metrics

- ❑ Policy identifies 11 principles on the successful use of metrics, with copious guidance
- ❑ Numerical metrics are simply an *adjunct* to the academic assessment of a research output through reading it
- ❑ China has (Feb. 2020) announced that this is to be its official policy for research evaluation/reward going forward
  - ❑ <https://www.universityworldnews.com/post.php?story=20200226122508451>



UCL  
reactions

‘Fabulous’

‘Sector-  
leading’

## Next-Generation metrics being implemented in UCL HR procedures

No.	HR process / policy
1	Researcher induction
2	Academic Promotions Policy
3	Academic appointments to UCL
4	Alignment of HR reporting on appointments with requirements of Wellcome Trust
5	Appraisals
6	Review of HR policies

## Conclusion

- Open Science **is** a blueprint for the university of the 21<sup>st</sup> century
- Benefits are obvious
- Challenges are not easy to address
- Universities have to make a choice
- Leadership is essential to effect cultural change



- Over to you to decide...

# Bibliography of LERU publications

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- Implementing Open Science (2021) - <https://www.leru.org/publications/implementing-open-science>

## Open Science and its role in universities: a roadmap for cultural change

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