Rights Retention Strategy at UiT

A new Open Access policy – researchers freedom and the University obligations to the public

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Some context

• Ministry of Education and Research has stated that all research shall be openly available by 2024.
• Plan S (cOAlition S includes NRC): requires that, from 2021 scientific publications that results from research funded by public grants must be published openly.
• UNESCO: OA to scientific papers is a core value in the society.
• UiT has signed DORA.
What is Plan S approved?

• Diamond OA
• Golden OA
• Publications via “transformative agreements”
• Green OA without embargo
The Norwegian way today…

• Norwegian institutions has committed to read & publish agreements
  • We get OA to sky-high prices
  • We direct the scientists choices for publishing (unintended)
  • Few or none transformative elements in the agreements
  • How to get to 100% OA by 2024?
Efforts to get there…

• Self-archiving
• Gold and diamond pub.
• Read & publish deals
• Training and courses
• Dialogue meeting with faculties and departments
• UiT – RRS
RRS at UiT from 1 January 2022

• UiT wants to make it easier for the institution’s employees and students to make their research openly available.

• The legal responsibility is placed on the institution, not the individual researcher.

• Either Gold OA or Green OA (UiTs open academic repository Munin).
  • UiTs publishing fund.
  • Channels with subscription-based access → Munin.

“We want all our publications to be open access, not only research that has been funded by cOAlition S funders, but all publications that our researchers produce.”
As of 1 January 2022, the following applies: Irrespective of the publication channel, full-text versions of research articles written by employees and students at UiT must be uploaded (deposited) continuously in the national register (currently called Cristin).

- If a **Gold OA channel** has been used, the publisher’s PDF (the published version, **Version of Record**) must be uploaded.

- If a closed **subscription-based channel** has been used that does not allow self-archiving of the publisher’s PDF, the latest peer-reviewed manuscript version (the **author’s accepted manuscript**, “postprint”) must be uploaded.
Opt-outs

All full-text versions uploaded will be made openly available in the institution’s repository (currently called Munin). Authors wishing to reserve themselves against the full-text version being made available in Munin may apply for an exemption. Such applications shall be sent using a separate solution via UiT’s website.
Prior notice?

• Researchers at UiT do not have to submit a prior notice when submitting a manuscript.
• Need to upload the finished peer-reviewed article in our institutional research archive.

• UiT expect the new strategy to ensure OA while still preserving the researcher’s right to publish in their preferred channels.

“Now the researchers at UiT can be sure to keep the copyright of their own work.”
The process

• Research Strategic Council: revision of UiTs OA policy.
• Appointed the expert group.
• Meeting with external partners (RCN, Harvard Univ. og Bifröst univ.).
• Careful legal scrutiny and discussion with the deans.
• Rector formally adopted the new OA policy.

• (https://uit.no/Content/733339/cache=20210906153803/FSU%20invitasjon%203.pdf)
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