

# Tri-Agency Open Access Policy on Publications

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## The policy

- Open Access refers to free and unrestricted online access to research.
- The Tri-Agency adopted a policy that **all articles** that are written about research funded through any one of their agencies **must be open access within 12 months of publication date**. This **applies to all grants awarded from May 1, 2015 and onward**. (see <http://www.science.gc.ca/default.asp?lang=En&n=F6765465-1>)
- This policy only applies to peer reviewed journals.

## How to implement the policy

- In most cases you will be submitting the final peer reviewed version before formatting by the journal. You can submit the formatted version if permitted by the journal.
- SHERPA/RoMEO lists copyright policies for journals – see <http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/>
- Some journals have a paid open access option. You can build this into your budget for research – author processing cost.
- The Tri-Agency encourages you to post your article in an open access University or discipline specific repository.
- The Directory of Open Access Journals provides some options for open access (see <https://doaj.org/> )
- Some journals require you to transfer copyright agreement to them. The Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC) has created a Canadian Author Addendum that allows you to transfer copyright, while keeping back some rights for yourself. The addendum can be found at <http://www.carl-abrc.ca/en/scholarly-communications/resources-for-authors.html#addendum>
- On the FAQ page re: the Open Access policy, they suggest you insert the following text into the publishers agreement:

*[Journal] acknowledges that the researcher will be entitled to archive an electronic copy of the final, peer-reviewed manuscript for inclusion in (name of repository). Manuscripts archived with (name of repository) may be made freely available to the public, via the internet, within twelve months of the official date of final publication in the journal.*

See: <http://www.science.gc.ca/default.asp?lang=En&n=A30EBB24-1#ws8C5DC665>