

THE UNIVERSITY OF KENT**OPEN ACCESS POLICY****POLICY**

1. The University of Kent supports the principles and objectives of Open Access and Open Science.
2. Where possible it will make all forms of output from its research available freely and accessibly in ways that allow them be used and re-used for the benefit of the wider society. To this end, it is important that any underlying data referred to should also be available on the same basis, where appropriate.
3. The University is also committed to the principle that research should be published in the most suitable outlet for the intended primary audience, and that such decisions may be subject specific.
4. The University has a preference for Green¹ Open Access, as way of achieving a wider and more feasible form of access to its publications, but supports Gold² Open Access where appropriate and within available resources.
5. If no appropriate Open Access route is available and/or insufficient resources are available to achieve it, then publication in a non Open Access journal should be pursued.
6. The University requires that all research publications produced by its staff as part of their employment by the University are registered in KAR (the Kent Academic Repository: <http://kar.kent.ac.uk/>) and, where allowed by the publisher, that a 'full text' be deposited at the same time or as soon as permitted. This should be done in a timely manner; preferably within one month of, and required to be within three months of acceptance. Where and when allowable the full text should be the 'version of record or the 'author's accepted manuscript'.

¹ Green: where a version of the final article can be placed by the author in an (or many) Open Access repository. This may be subject specific, (such as arXiv for physics or RePEc for economics, or institutional, such as the Kent Academic Repository (KAR)). Often the article cannot be made freely available until after an embargo period (typically 6-24 months).

² The Gold route follows the normal journal publishing route except that on receipt of an Article Processing Charge (APC) the journal makes that individual article immediately freely available to readers without subscription.

7. The University has established a procedure to use University funds and funding provided by the Research Councils (RCUK) to support open access publication

IMPLEMENTATION AND SUPPORT

Office for Scholarly Communication (OSC)

8. The University has established a joint Information Services – Research services Office for Scholarly Communication (OSC) to provide a comprehensive range of support for scholarly communication, including all aspects of Open Access support. This includes provision of the Kent Academic Repository (KAR) to enable Green Open Access.
9. The University receives funds from Research Council (RCUK) and other funders to support Open Access, which can be used for Gold Open Access Article Processing Charges (APCs) levied by publishers.
10. The University provides substantial additional funding from its own resources to supplement these funds such that all high quality research outputs can benefit from being made Open Access. The level of additional funding is reviewed annually.
11. All researchers (including research students, research assistants, and academic staff) who have produced publications at Kent derived from project funding by the UK Research Councils, may apply to use RCUK APC funding.
12. All researchers (including research students, research assistants, and academic staff) who have produced publications at Kent that meet the quality threshold³ may apply for Open Access funding, this is not restricted to journal articles and specifically includes books.
13. These funds are administered by the OSC; contact apcharges@kent.ac.uk.
14. The University also supports the establishment of free Open Access Journals (such as *feminists@law*) and the OSC can provide practical and some financial support for the setting up of such journals. On-going hosting costs are met centrally.
15. This policy is effective from 1st April 2013 and will be reviewed periodically.

Approved by Senate 12th March 2013

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³ Currently the quality threshold for eligibility of funding is international excellence – 3* in REF2014 terms