THE UNIVERSITY OF KENT

OPEN ACCESS 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 Green\(^1\) Open Access, as a way of achieving a wider and more feasible form of access to its research outputs (particularly publications), but supports Gold\(^2\) 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 outputs produced by its staff as part of their employment by the University are registered in KAR (the Kent Academic Repository: \url{http://kar.kent.ac.uk/}) and, where allowed by the publisher, that the ‘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 publication. Where and when allowable the full text should be the ‘copy of record’ or the ‘accepted manuscript’.

7. The University will establish a procedure to use funding provided by the Research Councils (RCUK) to support open access publication of outputs derived from research funded by them.

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\(^1\) 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.
IMPLEMENTATION AND SUPPORT

8. The University provides central support (within Information Services) for Green Open Access through KAR and related services (such as advice on publisher OA policies).

9. The University receives Research Council (RCUK) funding for Gold Open Access Article Processing Charges (APCs) levied by publishers.

10. The University will consider adding funding from its own resources once it becomes clearer, following the allocation of the RCUK funding, what the pattern and scale of demand for APC support is likely to be.

11. All researchers (including research students, research assistants, and academic staff) who have produced research outputs derived from project funding by the UK Research Councils, may apply to use RCUK APC funding.

12. The APC Fund is administered centrally (contact ap-charges@kent.ac.uk). An online application process will be set up.

13. The University also supports the establishment of free Open Access Journals (such as feminists@law) and can provide practical and some financial support for the setting up of such journals. On-going hosting costs are met centrally.

14. This policy will be effective from 1st April 2013 and will be reviewed during the first year of operation.

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