

Draft Yorku Open Access Policy
Discussion Document
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The following policy promotes open access to scholarship in keeping with global trends and national initiatives.¹ As a publicly funded institution, York University is committed to ensuring the greatest possible scholarly and public access to the scholarship and creative works produced by the University community. In addition to securing the public benefit of such access, this policy is intended to serve the interests of researchers by promoting the greater reach and preservation of works and establishing norms and expectations around rights of authors and users in the context of rapidly changing technologies and publishing practices.

WHEREAS

- York University is committed to supporting access to the research undertaken at the university, while recognizing user rights and the intellectual property and moral rights of authors;
- Changes in technology offer opportunities for new forms of both creation and dissemination of scholarship;
- Open Access offers opportunities for York University to fulfill its mission of creating and preserving knowledge in a way that opens disciplinary boundaries and facilitates sharing knowledge more freely with the world;² and
- York University has demonstrated its commitment to Open Access by supporting such initiatives as Yorkspace and other open access repositories, funds and services.

[The Senate of York University hereby approves the following policy:]

- Faculty and other researchers affiliated with York University shall deposit their scholarship in a trusted open access repository such as Yorkspace or its equivalent through a non-exclusive license.
- The Provost or Provost's designate [shall] waive application of the Senate's policy for a particular work, or delay access for a specified period of time, upon express direction in writing by an author or authors. (Other policies, such as the Tri-Council OA policy shall continue to apply.)
- York University will undertake to provide a trusted open access repository for preservation and dissemination of research produced by York faculty and affiliated researchers and to provide the appropriate supports to enable its full utilization.

¹ PIER and UAP

² UAP p. 13