

Institutional Policy of the Academy of Public Administration on Open Access to Information

The Academy of Public Administration recognizes the strategic importance of Open Access to Information for the dissemination of scientific knowledge in the spirit promoted by the Open Access Initiative in Budapest (14 February 2002); Bethesda Statement on Open Access to Publications (April 11, 2003); Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Field of Science and Humanities (22 October 2003); IFLA Open Access Statement (October 14, 2008); The European Commission's flagship project "Science in Society" in the Framework Program for Research (FP7) (2008), the European Union's Framework Program for Research and Innovation "Horizon 2020" (2014), the Science and Innovation Code of the European Union Republic of Moldova No. 259 of 15.07.2004, Declaration of the Association of Librarians of the Republic of Moldova on Open Access to Information (October 16, 2009).

Open access to information is free, permanent, unrestricted online access to documents, allowing viewing, downloading, distributing, creating derivative works in any environment, made in a correct and responsible form within the legal framework.

Electronic publication of research results provides the opportunity to share ideas and knowledge freely with the scientific community and the general public. Scientific literature is a vital element in the scientific and research process. Removing access barriers to scientific publications made within APA will create the platform for effective scientific communication, enrich education and provide greater and measurable visibility to research.

Open Access (OA) means the free availability of scientific publications without financial, legal or technical barriers. The only constraint to use is to reproduce and distribute the materials published in OA, which will give authors control over the integrity of their work and the right to be recognized and quoted appropriately.

The general purpose of Open Access is to benefit from international information content and to ensure the creation and distribution of local content. APA is interested in promoting a new Open Access paradigm to deliver more benefits to science and society. Researchers' publications will increase visibility, impact and greater prestige in the scientific community. Open Access will improve the dissemination of research results within the APA.

The Academy of Public Administration is committed to disseminating the results of publicly funded research and projects on the basis of Open Access principles; to encourage researchers to

show their support for Open Access by publishing papers in Open Access journals and the APA Institutional Repository.

The Academy of Public Administration intends to:

- Encourage researchers / grant winners to publish their works in accordance with the principles of the Open Access paradigm.
- Develop means and ways of assessing the contribution to Open Access in order to maintain quality standards.

Basic activities include:

1. Implementation of Open Access to scientific publications through two complementary models: Self-archiving in the APA Institutional repository, publication of the APA journal in the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) and other Open Access databases.

2. Undertaking measures to create the Institutional Repository, which will include the most representative works in all scientific fields, particularly scientific articles, in order to develop the local digital content system in Open Access in the APA.

3. Permission granted by the authors is a non-exclusive, irrevocable, royalty-free license that permits the distribution of published materials in Open Access provided they are not used for profit.

4. Adopt an effective peer review process to ensure the quality of scientific publications.

5. The need to study the normative framework of the institution to correctly initiate the procedure of implementing Open Access to scientific information, to work with those responsible for scientific activity to determine the legal requirements to be fulfilled.

Policy provisions:

1. The policy requires that all scientific publications produced on the basis of State-funded research projects and grants be included in the APA Institutional Repository at the time of publication or in the case of an embargo no later than six months after publication.

2. In the case of copyright restrictions on publishers, the authors will submit the bibliographic references and abstract of the paper to be included in the APA Institutional Repository.

3. The institutional APA policy on Open Access will be registered in the form of an institutional mandate in the Register of Open Access Repository Mandatory Archiving Policies (ROARMAP) which authorizes Open Access to the results of publicly funded scientific research. The APA institutional repository will be registered with the Registry of Open Access Repository (ROAR).

4. The policy shall apply to all scientific and teaching work published during the period in which the author operates within the APA, except for publications made prior to the adoption of this policy.

5. The APA structural representatives and subdivisions will be responsible for interpreting this policy, settling disputes regarding its interpretation and application, making changes based on stakeholders' recommendations.

6. All relevant parties - the departments hosting and supporting scientific research, researchers, librarians and other interested persons - will promote the rapid and efficient transition to Open Access publishing.

7. The Scientific Library shall ensure the functioning of the Institutional Repository and shall produce an annual report to the Senate.

8. The Department of Science and PhD will monitor the assurance of policy compliance with the interests of the authors.

Final provisions:

APA Open Access Policy has an immediate effect, enters into force on the approval date and will be revised as necessary.