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1 Introduction

The Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute (AFBI) is committed to supporting Open Access for the purposes of preservation, increased dissemination and potential increased impact of research undertaken by its researchers. AFBI research delivers results that are directly relevant to Agri-Food practitioners and the general public, hence making publicly funded AFBI results freely available to all is important for AFBI to have impact on society. AFBI is committed to ensuring timely open access to publicly funded research and supporting public funder mandates for open access to research.

2 Open Access and Impact

Current national Open Access Policies (UKRI², Government of Ireland³) recognise the importance of making publicly funded research openly available to all. Furthermore, several studies have indicated that research that is made available via open access gains more citations.

3 Funder Mandates

Most major funding bodies, including EU Horizon 2020⁴, RCUK, Wellcome Trust⁵, DAFM⁶ and others, have an open access mandate. It is the responsibility of author(s) to ensure they meet funder requirements for open access. This includes ensuring the selected journal of publication allows an open access option compatible with funder requirements.

4 The Policy

In support of open access, and increasing AFBI science impact, the AFBI Open Access Committee has suggested that from January 2020 onwards:

- Authors must, where allowed, deposit the final manuscript version of all peer-reviewed journal articles, conference papers, and book chapters in the AFBI Institutional Repository.
- In instances where copyright issues mean that the final version of the manuscript cannot be deposited, authors should, where possible, deposit a pre-peer review version of the manuscript in the AFBI Institutional Repository.
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Where possible, and in line with current copyright legislation and publisher license restrictions, the final manuscript version of the research publication will be made available open access on the Institutional Repository.

Research publications that contain confidential information, are to be commercialised, or for other legal commitments cannot be made open access, will not be made available on the Institutional Repository.

² <https://www.ukri.org/files/legacy/documents/rcukopenaccesspolicy-pdf/>

³ http://norf-ireland.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/NORF_Framework_10_July_2019-2.pdf

⁴ <https://www.coalition-s.org/>

⁵ <https://wellcome.ac.uk/funding/guidance/open-access-policy>

⁶ <https://www.agriculture.gov.ie/media/migration/research/DAFMOpenAccessPolicy.pdf>

5 Support and Guidance

The Research Support Office at AFBI and the AFBI Library will work collaboratively to provide support and compliance with this policy.

The Library at AFBI is responsible for:

- Providing open access training and education to authors
- Providing training in the Institutional Repository (DSpace)
- Verifying and enriching bibliographic data submitted to DSpace
- Verifying that the correct manuscript version has been deposited in DSpace, applying appropriate embargos, copyright and license statements
- Reporting on internal and external compliance
- Maintaining and developing the DSpace platform

The Research Support Office at AFBI is responsible for:

- Reporting on internal and external compliance

6 Definitions

Open access	Free and unrestricted online access to research publications.
Green open access	The deposit of the final manuscript (post peer-review) version of a research output in an institutional repository or subject repository. Depending on the publisher's terms and conditions, the final manuscript can often only be made publically available after an embargo period.
Gold open access	Immediate OA in the journal of publication, sometimes incurring an article process charge (APC) fee.
Bibliographic details	Publication details including authors, title, dates, abstract and unique identifiers (DOIs, handles, etc.).
Final manuscript version	Final manuscript of the publication, after peer review and editing has occurred, but before publication. Usually a text file and without the publisher's typesetting and formatting.
Institutional Repository	AFBI's public facing repository of open access research outputs.
Authors	Any member of staff at AFBI who publishes a research output.