

Do you receive funding from CIHR, NSERC or SSHRC?

Learn how to comply with the new Tri-Agency Open Access Policy in effect May 1, 2015

How to comply with the new policy

Option 1 - Deposit your work into an open access repository

Publish your research in the journal of your choice, then deposit your final, peer-reviewed manuscript into an institutional or disciplinary repository that will make the manuscript freely accessible. Ensure that your publisher permits self-archiving.

University of Toronto offers this option to faculty free of charge with our secure research repository, [TSpace](#).

For an example of other open access repositories see [openoar.org](#)

Option 2 - Publish in an open access journal

Publish your research in a journal that offers immediate open access or that offers open access within 12 months. Publishing costs in open access journals are eligible expenses under the [Use of Grant Funds](#).

For a list of open access journals see [doaj.org](#)

What are the requirements of the new policy?

The new Tri-Agency Open Access Policy requires grant recipients to ensure that peer-reviewed journal publications arising from Agency-supported research are freely accessible within 12 months of publication.

This policy applies to all grants awarded by NSERC or SSHRC from May 1, 2015 and onward; and by CIHR from January 1, 2008 and onward. Researchers holding previously awarded grants are also encouraged to adhere to the requirements of this policy.

Some copyright questions to consider

If your research has already been published, check to see if your publishing agreement permits you to self-archive your final article or manuscript in an open access repository.

Find your journal's self-archiving policy at [www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo](#) or contact your publisher.

If you are preparing to publish, consider selecting a journal with open access provisions, or modify a publisher's agreement by attaching an addendum (such as the SPARC Author Addendum) to your contract.

How to get started on compliance

U of T librarians across all 3 campuses are ready to provide you with advice and assistance to help you comply with open access policies, including:

- Journal selection
- Repository selection and submission
- Obtaining copyright clearance from your publisher

For more information or to schedule a consultation, contact open.access@library.utoronto.ca