Towards REF2020

Open Access Requirements in the Next REF

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Scope & Timeline

• Policy applies to all journal articles & conference proceedings accepted for publication from April 1st 2016

• We need to ensure that we are 100% compliant before April 2016 to ensure that every researcher can select any publication for inclusion in the next REF.

  – There may be extra credit available in “Research Environment” for earlier implementation.
Deposit Requirements

• Must be deposited in an institutional repository (PURE) or subject repository (e.g. arXiv or PubMed Central)

• DEPOSIT – IMMEDIATELY ON ACCEPTANCE by the publisher (no later than three months after this)

• You should deposit the 'author’s final version' or 'post-print' which can be replaced with the final published PDF version at a later date.
Access Requirements

- Must be made Open Access at the earliest possible opportunity

- If you publisher requires an Open Access embargo, then this can be respected. In reality – OA likely to happen at a date 6 months+ after publication

- Normal **maximum acceptable embargo:**
  - 12 months (panels A & B) or 24 months (panels C & D)
  - Some exceptions may apply.
Implications

• “Any output that falls within the scope of this policy and is submitted to the post-2014 REF but does not meet the requirements without a valid exception will be given an unclassified score and will not be assessed.”

• From April 2016, when the policy comes into force, there will be no scope for retro-active compliance so we must ensure everyone is aware of the requirements ASAP.
What are we doing?

• The Scholarly Communications Team is working with College Research Offices and Schools:
  – Local support staff being recruited
  – Existing administrative staff being given training
  – Project plans being implemented for each School

• Scholarly Communications acting as a central co-ordinating authority for the University
  – Liaising with HEFCE
  – Co-ordinating development of PURE
  – Jisc Pathfinder “best practice” project
What should researchers do?

• Researchers must **take action immediately** on being notified of acceptance by a publisher. Either:
  – Log in to PURE, create a record and upload the correct file
  – Email your acceptance email and the file to the appropriate support email (TBC)

• **Contact us** if you are unsure of how to do this or how the policy affects your publication. Either:
  – openaccess@ed.ac.uk (Scholarly Communications Team)
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Library as Publisher

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University of Edinburgh Journal Hosting Service

- Open Journal Systems (OJS)
- Pilot project in 2009
- Led the way in the UK
- Supports 10 journals
- 78,000 PDF downloads in 2014
- Obtained DOI prefix on behalf of Library
Hosted journals

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Development of a service

• Managed expectations
• Evolved organically
• Made use of existing Library expertise
• Is not actively promoted - responds to demand
• Lines now blurring between hosting & publishing
Library.....

- Provides service free of charge
- Works on journal design (based on brief)
- Advises on article layout, copyright & licensing
- Provides training and ongoing support on OJS
- Applies to BL for ISSN
- Manages (& pays for) DOIs
- Registers journal with DOAJ
- Advises on promotion and marketing (esp. via social media)
- Provides statistics (Google Analytics & COUNTER)
Library does not...

- Have any acceptance criteria
- Advise on peer review
- Proof read or copyedit
- Check copyright
- Enforce guidelines
- Monitor or quality check published content
- Is not listed as publisher
What next?

For discussion…

• Does Library pursue role as publisher?
• Do we explore partnership with EUP?
• Develop approach similar to UCL Press, Manchester Open Library?
• Strategic steer and resource from University required