

## DCU Position Statement on Open Access to Research Publications

In accordance with University's aim to maximise visibility, availability, and impact of its research output, DCU commits itself to the principles of open access (as outlined in the 'Budapest Open Access Initiative': <http://www.budapestopenaccessinitiative.org/read>).

A further consideration is that nationally in Ireland, the majority of key funders now require open access to research findings as a condition of grant funding.

To this end, DCU strongly encourages all staff to deposit all journal articles, conference items, books, and book chapters into DCU's institutional repository 'DORAS' (<http://doras.dcu.ie>).

Open access to the full text item will be within the confines of any copyright transfer agreement, and publisher's licensing and policies must be respected (full copyright policy checking will be carried out by DORAS staff, and embargoes will be applied where necessary). This is in accordance with the principle of 'Immediate Deposit, Delayed Access'.

This position statement does not seek to restrict the freedom of researchers to publish wherever they feel is the most appropriate. Please note that this statement is reflected in the [DCU Intellectual Property Policy](#) (Section 7 – Publication of Research Results)