



# OPEN ACCESS/OPEN ACCESS

About open access in Iceland

## ICELANDIC POLICIES ON OA



### Public Support for Scientific Research Act (2003)

In Article 10 Act no. 3/2003 on public support for scientific research states the following:

*"The results of research, which are funded by grants from funds that fall under this law, must be published in open access and be available to everyone unless otherwise agreed. In all their writings about the results of research, grantees must mention the contribution of the funds to the work in question."*

### University of Bifröst (2011)

The University of Bifröst approved an open access policy in May 2011 and again in May 2019. As of August 1, 2019, that policy applies. It says, among other things:

*"The University of Bifröst has set the policy that as many people as possible can enjoy the products of the scientific work carried out by the academic staff at the school. In order for this to happen, the academic staff of the school agree to strive to publish their academic articles in open access, either through journals published in open access or through archive storage."*

### Reykjavík University (2014)

The University of Reykjavík adopted a policy on open access in November 2014. It begins with these words: *"HR academic staff shall strive to publish the products of their scientific and teaching work in open access."*

### University of Iceland (2014)

The University of Iceland approved a policy on open access at the 2014 University Congress and it came into effect on September 1, 2015. It begins with these words: *"The University of Iceland emphasizes that as many people as possible can enjoy the products of the scientific work carried out within the university. The university therefore encourages employees to publish their academic articles in platforms where access is open, such as in open access journals, archives, preprint bases, or in other ways."*

### **National Library of Iceland - University Library (2016)**

The National Library of Iceland - University Library approved a policy on open access in November 2016. It states, among other things:

*"The National Library of Iceland - University Library supports open access to content and data on the Internet. The museum actively promotes open access to the nation's cultural heritage, research results and academic material in Iceland. On November 9, 2017, the National Library of Iceland - Háskólbókasafn signed the Expression of Interest in the Large- scale Implementation of Open Access to Scholarly Journals.*

### **Rannís**

Ranni's rules for publication in open access. It says, among other things:

*"Rannís encourages researchers to publish their results in journals that are published entirely in open access."*

Common to these laws and policies is that open access publication is encouraged but not required. In many countries, policies regarding open access are much stricter and in many cases mandatory.

### **River Foundation**

The first version of the policy was prepared in April 2016, but the organization's policy in its current form was approved at a house meeting on June 9, 2020.

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