

# Reykjavik University's Policy on Open Access

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Reykjavik University (RU) places an emphasis on providing as many people as possible with access to the results of research and teaching activities conducted at the University. For this purpose, RU has set forth the following policy on open access:

- Academic employees at RU shall seek to publish the results of their research and teaching activities in open access. RU encourages that scholarly articles, educational resources, and other material written by the University's academic employees, alone or with others, and published in the name of the University (RU affiliated), be published in open access on the internet and thus made accessible to everyone free of charge and free of licencing restrictions.
- RU encourages its academic employees to retain copyright of their works, provide journals with a non-exclusive publishing licence, and mark versions published in open access with the public copyright licence Creative Commons.
- The aim is for all scholarly articles written by academic employees and published in the name of the University to be accessible in journals in open access or in open electronic repository libraries free of charge. RU does not participate in costs for publishing in open access.
- RU aims to set up, on its own or in collaboration with others, a repository library with the aim of increasing the visibility, utilisation, and influence of the works of the University's academic employees and ensuring future access to the works. RU's academic employees shall provide the University with permission to preserve scholarly articles published in the name of the University in the open repository library of RU free of charge. As a general rule, material shall appear on the publication date in RU's repository library or with a maximum embargo period of 12 months.
- RU students shall make their theses accessible in the online repository Skemman.is. The resolution of the RU Curriculum Council and RU Executive Board applies to the electronic submission of theses.

RU encourages the University's academic employees to work towards the publication of older material in open access.

RU encourages the University's students to also make larger projects available in open access on the internet and to mark their works with the public copyright licence Creative Commons.

RU furthermore encourages other teachers and academics in Iceland to publish their works in open access.

The policy is accompanied by a [decision tree](#) and [action plan](#) which are designed to instruct the University's academic employees in how to publish their works in open access. Students are encouraged to thoroughly familiarise themselves with [rules on submission of theses at RU](#).

RU will offer instruction and service to make it easier for employees and students to comply with the policy and publish their works in open access.



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