

# Supporting Open Access at Sacramento State

## Open Access (OA)

Open Access (OA) is the free, online availability of scholarly research outputs. OA deals primarily with access to peer-reviewed scholarly articles, for which authors receive no financial compensation. OA is a new publishing model that provides free and unrestricted online access to scholarly publications and research data. This makes it easier to share your publications and collaborate with others. Certain granting agencies and funding sources require that you make your research accessible either through publishing in an open access journal or self-archiving in an open access repository.

There are two primary means of achieving Open Access:

- **Open Access Journals** offer an alternative to traditional subscription-based journals by providing free access to the peer-reviewed articles they publish.
- **Open Access Repositories** collect, preserve, and provide free access to peer-reviewed articles and other types of research outputs. OA repositories may be discipline-based or institution-based.

[Source: [Open Access 101 from University Health Network Library and Information Services](#)]

- Learn more by watching the movie [Paywall: The Business of Scholarship](#).

## Why an Academic Senate Resolution in Support of OA?

- Increase awareness and support of Open Access in the CSU as well as help facilitate Open Access publishing for those who are interested.
- Seeking a faculty driven resolution in support of Open Access initiatives and education on our campus.
- Open up opportunities, provide information, and support faculty who want to explore retaining their copyright or make their work available to the widest possible audience.
- All publishing decisions still lie with the faculty member.
- Library faculty can provide guidance and assistance with our expertise on OA issues.

## Other CSU Senate resolutions

- [The Academic Senate of the California State University System](#)
- [CSU Fullerton](#)
- [CSU East Bay](#)
- [CSU Northridge](#)

## Current Open Access Initiatives at Sacramento State

### Elsevier Transformative Publishing Agreement

CSU authors can publish Open Access with no article processing charges in Elsevier journals through December 31, 2021. [Learn more about this opportunity.](#)

### Faculty Publications in the Institutional Repository

Faculty can deposit their scholarly and creative works in our institutional repository, [ScholarWorks](#). Many journals allow putting pre- or postprint versions in an OA institutional repository. The Library can quickly check most journals OA policies in [Sherpa/Romeo](#) and advise on options.