

A photograph of a black wrought-iron gate with gold-colored lettering. The word 'UNIVERSITATIS' is partially visible in gold letters across the top of the gate. The gate is set against a brick building with large windows. The text 'UvA policy on open access publishing' is overlaid on a white rectangular box in the center of the image.

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## 100% open access

The ambition of the Netherlands is to achieve 100% open access to academic publications. The guiding principle is that research financed with public funds should benefit all of society. Academic publications that can be freely read, printed, copied, distributed, searched or otherwise used, contribute to an accelerated dissemination of research results and hence to scientific development, the use and reuse of the research results in education, and their utilisation by members of the public and professionals.

The UvA has committed itself to open access publishing by signing the Berlin Declaration<sup>1</sup> in 2005. In 2017, the UvA signed the Dutch National Plan Open Science<sup>2</sup> with the aim of realising the national transition to open science. Research funders such as the Dutch Research Council (NWO) demand that publications resulting from research they have funded be made available immediately through open access from 1 January 2021 onwards (Plan S<sup>3</sup>).

## The responsibilities of researchers

As of 1 January 2021, UvA researchers will be required to register their academic publications immediately after publication and to upload the corresponding publisher's version (or at least the accepted manuscript) to the UvA's Current Research Information System (CRIS/Pure) for long-term archiving. In addition, researchers are expected to use one of these three options to publish their work in open access:

- I. immediately publish an academic publication in open access with a CC BY-licence<sup>4</sup>;  
or
- II. invoke section 25fa of the Dutch Copyright Act to make the publisher's version<sup>5</sup> of a short scientific work<sup>6</sup> freely available through the university repository (UvA-DARE) after a six-month embargo; or
- III. make the accepted manuscript<sup>7</sup> of an academic publication freely available through the university repository (UvA-DARE) once the embargo imposed by the publisher has expired.

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1. <https://openaccess.mpg.de/Berlin-Declaration>

2. <https://www.openscience.nl/het-nationaal-platform-open-science/nationaal-plan-open-science>

3. Plan S: <https://www.coalition-s.org/>

4. Creative Commons licence. In accordance with the Plan S guidelines, this is preferably CC BY-licence: cOAlition S – Accelerating the transition to full and immediate Open Access to scientific publications, 2. Plan S Compliance, p. 3 ([https://www.coalition-s.org/wp-content/uploads/PlanS\\_Principles\\_and\\_Implementation\\_310519.pdf](https://www.coalition-s.org/wp-content/uploads/PlanS_Principles_and_Implementation_310519.pdf)).

5. The published version of an academic publication: publisher's PDF or Version of Records (VoR)

6. Short scientific works are articles, edited chapters and conference papers. Translation of section 25fa into concrete principles, NPOS administrative memo, date: 16 May 2018.

7. The peer-reviewed, accepted but not yet formatted version of an academic publication: Author Accepted Manuscript (AAM), Accepted Manuscript (AM) or postprint.



### Multi-track policy

The UvA sees its task as being to achieve its 100% open access ambition for its community safely and affordably. In support of this, the UvA has the following multi-track policy:

- the UvA takes part in national negotiations to reach transformative agreements<sup>8</sup> with publishers and/or reaches agreements with open-access publishers, allowing researchers to publish in open access at a discount or without additional costs;
- the UvA has a CRIS and an institutional repository (UvA-DARE) for researchers to register, upload and make available (versions of) their publications;
- the UvA facilitates and supports researchers when they invoke section 25fa of the Dutch Copyright Act;
- the UvA, in cooperation with other universities and research funders, contributes to the development of alternative publication platforms (diamond Open Access) on behalf of greater control over scientific communication and a more affordable and efficient system.

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8. In accordance with Plan S guidelines: *cOAlition S - Accelerating the transition to full and immediate Open Access to scientific publications*, 3 Transformative Arrangements, p. 4-5 ([https://www.coalition-s.org/wp-content/uploads/PlanS\\_Principles\\_and\\_Implementation\\_310519.pdf](https://www.coalition-s.org/wp-content/uploads/PlanS_Principles_and_Implementation_310519.pdf)).