



# Open Access Policy

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## Who Is Governed By This Policy

All full-time faculty members of Johns Hopkins University.

## Definitions

Author's final version	The version of a scholarly article that is sent to the publisher after it has gone through peer review, any revisions responsive thereto, and any further copyediting in which the corresponding author has participated.
Corresponding author	The author who takes primary responsibility for corresponding with the publisher about a scholarly article's publication.
Scholarly article	An article that describes the fruits of one's research, typically published in a peer-reviewed journal or conference proceedings. Scholarly articles do not include commissioned articles, books, popular writings (e.g., blog posts, newspaper opinion pieces), fiction, poetry, musical works, and pedagogical materials.

## Policy

In accordance with our mission of providing knowledge for the world, Johns Hopkins University is committed to disseminating the research and scholarship of its faculty as widely as possible. Increased public access to research and scholarship has both a local impact in advancing the status and reputation of Johns Hopkins and a universal impact as a worldwide scholarly, scientific, and social good.

In keeping with that commitment, the university expects that every scholarly article produced by full-time faculty members of Johns Hopkins University be accessible in an open access repository. Compliance with this Policy can be accomplished in one of two ways:

Scholarly articles published in open access journals, elected for open access as a service among non-open access journals, or deposited in existing open access repositories (e.g., PubMed Central, arXiv, etc.) will be considered in compliance with this Policy.

Alternatively, for full-time faculty members who are in fields that do not have established open access repositories and/or wish to publish their scholarly article in journals that do not provide open access, the University expects them or their authorized designee to provide the JHU Libraries with an electronic copy of the author's final version of the article for the JHU Libraries to deposit in Johns Hopkins' institutional repository, JScholarship.

This Policy applies to all scholarly articles for which an appointed full-time faculty member is the sole or corresponding author and has been completed and accepted for publication on or after this Policy's effective date. Scholarly articles whose copyright transfer or licensing terms with the publisher are incompatible with this Policy are exempt from this Policy. The Office of the Provost will be responsible for interpreting this Policy and overseeing the procedures for submission to JScholarship.

## Related Resources

[Open Access at Johns Hopkins](#) (Provost's Office resource page)

[Johns Hopkins University Intellectual Property Policy](#)

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