MAKING UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON RESEARCH AVAILABLE TO THE WORLD

Open Access to Research Articles: An Initiative at UW

WHAT ARE OUR GOALS?

Contribute to the public good by removing paywalls to UW scholarship.

Improve the visibility of UW scholarship.

Adopt an open access publications policy that facilitates free and public access to scholarly peer-reviewed articles produced by UW faculty, students, and staff.

HOW DO WE DO THIS?

Right now, researchers “opt in” to put their research in the repository. The proposed open access policy will have the effect of making it an “opt out” system, same as the Harvard model used by universities across the U.S.

- Education and awareness is most critical.
- Improvement of infrastructure.
- Collaboration with diverse disciplines.
- Participation from faculty, students, and staff.

“The primary mission of the University of Washington is the advancement, dissemination, and preservation of knowledge.”

WHO ARE WE?

The Open Access initiative at the University of Washington is led by a self-assembled group of students, faculty, and library staff.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

4/23: Faculty Senate unanimously passes an Open Access Resolution calling for a university-wide policy and resources to improve institutional repository, ResearchWorks.

3/31: Associated Students of the UW Student Senate (ASUW) unanimously passes an Open Access Resolution, signaling the support of all 45,000 students.

3/22: The Student Advocates for Graduate Education (SAGE) adopts public access as part of its national advocacy agenda and advocates for the Fair Access to Science and Technology Research Act (FASTR) in Congress during Day on the Hill.

1/14: The Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) unanimously passes an Open Access Resolution.

1/14: The Faculty Council on Research and Faculty Council on University Libraries express their support for open access at UW and intent to collaborate.