

# Publishers Support Balanced Public Access Regulations

The scholarly publishing sector is a pillar of America's global competitiveness and economic growth. Scholarly publishers support almost 40,000 jobs across the United States and provide researchers, engineers, physicians and other professionals with both the information and distribution outlets they need to make and announce discoveries that advance knowledge, create innovative new products and services, and improve medical care.

Scholarly publishers provide broad access to high-quality peer-reviewed scholarly articles, preserve the integrity of the scholarly record and enable the necessary investments in the dissemination of knowledge to help advance science, scholarship and innovation. Our ongoing support of public access includes several initiatives and public-private partnerships launched by publishers that improve access to and the discoverability of content. These include CHORUS ([www.chorusaccess.org](http://www.chorusaccess.org)), Crossref ([www.crossref.org](http://www.crossref.org)), ORCID ([www.orcid.org](http://www.orcid.org)), and others.

Scholarly publishers support public access policies to make articles that report on taxpayer-funded research widely available and discoverable in a manner that:

- Supports academic freedom by empowering authors to publish in journals they feel have greatest potential to reach target audiences and advance their area of research;
- Preserves the maximum possible funding for research, rather than diverting resources to duplicative infrastructure or burdensome compliance mechanisms;
- Protects intellectual property rights, which enable publishers to sustainably invest in and disseminate peer-reviewed literature and export worldwide;
- Fosters partnerships between the research community, librarians, agencies and other stakeholders to advance scholarship in order to drive innovation and progress;
- Respects the needs of different research communities and disciplines through appropriate and flexible evidence-driven public access policies (e.g., variable embargo periods); and
- Facilitates the continuing development of a competitive marketplace and sustainable business models.

Public access regulations must be balanced to expand access without burdening researchers or undermining the research publishing enterprise. We cannot support public access policies that:

- Are economically unsustainable, undermining market-driven innovation or the quality and integrity of scholarly research;
- Prevent federal agencies from entering into public-private partnerships and flexibly adapting to changing technologies and academic practices;
- Contain one-size-fits-all post-publication embargoes that do not rely upon evidence or account for differences between and among academic disciplines; or
- Contain licensing restrictions that effectively diminish the value of intellectual property rights, including by way of compulsory open license policies or other requirements that undermine basic copyright principles.

High-quality, peer-reviewed scholarly communication is essential to U.S. growth, innovation, and economic strength. Scholarly publishers urge continued support for flexible, evidence-based agency policymaking that will ensure the continued integrity and availability of the scholarly and scientific record. We urge the rejection of untested and rigid policy mandates lacking the evidence necessary to prevent unintended negative consequences for science and scholarly communication.

**The following have endorsed the statement of support for balanced public access regulations:**

Alliance of Crop, Soil, and Environmental Science Societies (ACSESS)	Association of Learned and Professional Society Publishers (ALPSP)
American Anthropological Association (AAA)	Berghahn Books
American Association for Cancer Research	Brill
American Association for Dental Research	Common Ground Research Networks
American Association of Anatomists	Content Ed Net LLC
American Association of Immunologists	Crop Science Society of America
American Astronomical Society	Ecological Society of America
American Chemical Society	Elsevier
American College of Cardiology (ACC)	Emerald Group Publishing
American College of Physicians	FirstForum Press
American College of Rheumatology	GeoScience World
American College of Veterinary Radiology	Hogrefe Publishing Corp
American Dairy Science Association	Human Factors & Ergonomics Society
American Dental Association (ADA)	Human Kinetics
American Geophysical Union	IEEE
American Geriatrics Society	Illuminating Engineering Society
American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA)	Institute of Industrial and Systems Engineers (IISE)
American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE)	Institute of Public Administration of Canada
American Institute of Physics	Institution of Agricultural Engineers
American Institute of Physics Publishing	International Association for Dental Research
American Mathematical Society	International Association of Scientific, Technical, and Medical Publishers (STM)
American Meteorological Society	Kumarian Press
American Oil Chemists' Society (AOCS)	Lynne Rienner Publishers, Inc
American Physiological Society	McGraw-Hill Education
American Society for Laser Medicine and Surgery, Inc.	New England Journal of Medicine
American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE)	Rockefeller University Press
American Society of Agronomy	Silverchair
American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery (ASCRS)	Slack, Inc.
American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)	Society of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography
American Society of Hematology (ASH)	Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging (SNMMI)
American Society of Plant Biologists	Society of Toxicology
American Society of Plant Taxonomists	Software and Information Industry Association (SIIA)
American Society of Transplant Surgeons	Soil Science Society of America
American Society of Transplantation	Springer Nature
American Speech-Language-Hearing Association	Springer Publishing Company
ASME	Taylor & Francis
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management	The Independent Institute
Association for the Sciences of Limnology and Oceanography	The Optical Society (OSA)
Association of American Publishers (AAP)	Thieme Publishers
	Wiley
	Wolters Kluwer