



Open Access policy for the Eberhard Karls University of Tübingen

The Eberhard Karls University of Tübingen is obligated to ensure free and unhindered access to the research results of its scientists for all people within its social responsibility. In this way, the university intends to ensure that public funds used for education and science have the greatest possible benefits for science, industry and society, and increase the international visibility of scientific research at the university. Therefore, the university supports Open Access publishing in line with numerous national and international research institutions and scientific organizations.

Open Access refers to different publication models and activities which have the objective of making scientific findings accessible free of charge to users worldwide. Unrestricted access to scientific information is the prerequisite for outstanding research achievements and the most effective use of research findings. Open Access also increases the visibility and citation frequency of publications and encourages research collaboration.

The University of Tübingen therefore recommends that its scientists publish their results electronically and according to Open Access principles. For works already published, secondary publication (Green Open Access) is recommended. Through its own repository, the University of Tübingen provides its members with an Open Access infrastructure that meets established standards for long-term access to publications and the exchange of metadata with national and international servers.

Authors should be aware that they may have the right to a parallel or embargoed Open Access publication in addition to publication in a commercial journal.

The University of Tübingen encourages its members to actively participate in the evaluation of Open Access publications and establish Open Access journals which meet the standards of scientific quality assurance through peer review procedures. It also advocates the recognition of Open Access publications in the assessment of scientific achievements.

The promotion of Open Access concerns financial and legal policy. The University of Tübingen is committed to developing the existing legal and financial framework to create the conditions for free access to scientific knowledge.

From 2013 onwards the University of Tübingen pledges financial support to the furthest possible extent for publication in recognized Open Access bodies (Gold Open Access) to promote the transition from subscription funded publications to Open Access.

This policy was endorsed by the Senate of the Eberhard Karls University of Tübingen on February 21, 2013.