

# **Guidelines for Open Access to Scientific Publications at Kristiania University College**

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## **1. Choosing a publisher**

Openly accessible research results are an important prerequisite for a well-functioning democracy, the free exchange of ideas, and knowledge development in the public and private sector. The direction taken by the international research community, including the Norwegian government and Research Council of Norway, is towards making research results as openly available as possible - either via purely open journals (Gold Open Access), or by being freely available via open knowledge archives (Green Open Access).

When the choosing between publications of equal scholarly standing, academic staff at Kristiania University College must strive to publish their peer-reviewed scholarly articles in fully-open journals, or in journals that allow self-archiving of the accepted manuscript version (Author Accepted Manuscript, AAM).

## **2. Open Licensing**

When publishing in open access journals, Kristiania University College normally recommends, in accordance with Plan S and the Research Council of Norway, the Creative Commons license CC-BY 4.0. This license ensures free opportunities to share and reuse the publication in addition to requiring that the author be credited. Other open licenses may also be applicable, including the Creative Commons CC-BY-SA and CC-BY-ND licenses. It is important that the choice of open license complies with the requirements of the research funder.

## **3. Self-archiving in Kristiania University College's knowledge archive, KOA**

### **3.1 PhD theses and master's theses submitted at Kristiania University College**

PhD theses and master's theses submitted at Kristiania University College must be made openly available via Kristiania University College's knowledge archive, KOA. If a valid justification has been submitted, the PhD candidate may request that an embargo period be applied to the thesis. At the same time, all master's students are encouraged to make their master's thesis openly available via KOA.

### **3.2 Peer-reviewed scientific journal articles and conference papers**

Academic staff must self-archive the full-text of all their peer-reviewed scientific journal articles and conference articles in Cristin upon publication, and never later than February 1st on the year after the publication date. The publication will then be moved by the library to Kristiania University College's open knowledge archive, KOA.

### **3.3 Scientific monographs and chapters in scientific anthologies**

Academic staff are encouraged to also upload scientific monographs and articles/chapters in scientific anthologies in Cristin, so that the publication can be made available in the open knowledge archive, KOA.

### 3.4 The library confirms rights issues:

The library at Kristiania University College confirms rights issues related to the availability of deposited scientific articles. They ensure that depositing into KOA only takes place in accordance with the publication agreement entered into between the author and the publication's publisher.

## Funding Requirements

### Governmental Requirements for Open Access

- Government; [National goals and guidelines for open access to scientific articles](#)
- Government; [National strategy for access to and sharing of research data](#)
- White Paper No. 18 (2012–2013) *Long lines – knowledge provides opportunities*; [3.4 Making knowledge available](#)
- Report no. 30 to the Storting (2008-2009) *Climate for research*; [12.2 Open access to scientific articles](#) and [12.3 Access to publicly funded research data](#)

### Other Public Funding Requirements for Open Access

- [The Research Council's policy for open access publishing](#)
- [Horizon Europe's policy for open science](#) «Horizon Europe will require immediate open access to all scientific publications and responsible research data management». [Horizon Europe factsheet](#)
- [cOAlition S](#)

### Other resources

- [OpenAccess.no](#)
- [Read more about Creative Commons](#)

## Background for these Guidelines:

1. September 2018, *cOAlition S - Making Open Access a Reality by 2020*, was launched by a group of European research funders (including the Research Council of Norway) with support from the European Commission and the ERC. The initiative aims to realize the ideal of immediate open access to scientific publications. The year before, the Norwegian Ministry of Education and Research published, *National Goals and Guidelines for Open Access to Scientific Articles*, that set the following goal: "all publicly funded Norwegian scientific articles shall be openly available by 2024".

Kristiania University College's guidelines for open access to scientific publications are in line with the Norwegian national guidelines, as well as the principles of open access publishing laid down in PlanS. At Kristiania University College, requirements for open access to our research results are being initially met by introducing the attached guidelines, and by increasing the proportion of self-archiving in the knowledge archive KOA.

## Glossary

**AAM** = *Author Accepted Manuscript* also known as post-print is the last version of the manuscript after peer review, before the VoC, Version of Record.

**APC** = *Article Processing Charge*, also known as author payment, is the amount the institution must pay in order to publish a scientific article openly.

**BPC** = *Book Processing Charge* is the amount the institution must pay to openly publish a scientific monograph or chapter of scientific anthology.

**CC** = The abbreviation for *Creative Commons Attribution License*. In open publishing, CC-BY is the most widely used license and allows others to share, remix, adapt and build on the material regardless of medium and format, as long as the author is credited.

**Green Open Access** = **Green** *open access* means making a scientific publication openly available through self-archiving, often in an institutional knowledge archive.

**Gold Open Access** = **Gold** *open access* means publishing a scientific publication in a purely open journal. This usually involves a publication fee (e.g. APC).

**Hybrid Open Access** = Hybrid journals are subscription-based journals where it is possible to purchase open accessibility for selected articles.