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Open Access Update

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Open Access Policy



- Approved Dec 2018
- Main points:
 - RCSI supports Green
 - Open within 6 months of publication
 - Funds for Gold (APCs) should be factored into grant applications
- Available from Staff Portal:
 - staff.rcsi.ie/research/open-science
 - And from LibGuides:
 - libguides.rcsi.ie/researchsupport/openaccesspublishing

RCSI Open Access Policy 2018



8. AUTHOR AND RCSI RESPONSIBILITIES:

Academics, researchers and postgraduate research students are asked to:	
1.	Plan for open access publishing: Discuss with collaborators at the start of a project how research results will be published to comply with open access policies.
2.	Obtain an ORCID unique author identifier, and use it everywhere, including when submitting publications, applying for grants, and in any research workflow, to ensure the individual is credited for their work.
3.	Ensure any Copyright Transfer Agreement (CTA) rights and permissions are acceptable to you before signing any CTA documents and challenge anything that stops you complying with the policy. Seek advice from the Office of Research and Innovation if in doubt.
4.	Choose journals, where possible, and other publication outlets that enable you to deposit an open access version in the institutional repository.
5.	Provide details on all forms of research output to the institutional repository including information about, and links to, datasets and other research materials (where appropriate). Outputs include journal articles, conference papers, reports, registered protocols, books, book sections and chapters.
6.	Deposit a digital copy of the author accepted manuscript (AAM) of all journal articles to the institutional repository within 6 months of publication, subject to publishers' permissions. Researchers are also strongly encouraged to deposit the full text of all other types of publications, including reports, books and book chapters, in the institutional repository.
7.	PG students on programmes with a dissertation/ research thesis component are required to deposit a digital copy of their thesis into the institutional repository. As stated in the <i>Dissertation/ Research Thesis Open Access Policy</i> all theses will be made open access on deposit unless the student has been granted an embargo on the authorisation of the project supervisor.
8.	Maintain awareness of and comply with funder policies relating to open access, being mindful of funders' requirements relating to maximum embargo periods, licencing requirements and any requirement for deposit on specific repositories.

Table 1: Authors' responsibilities



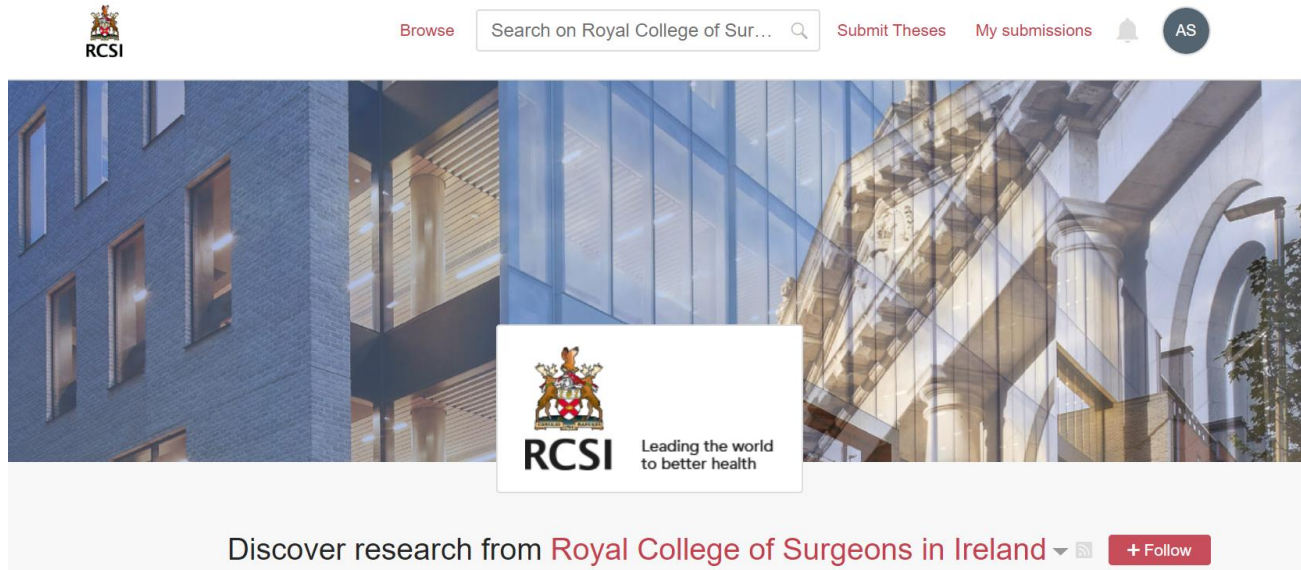
Wider OA developments

- RCSI also a signatory to the National Framework on the Transition to an Open Research Environment (launched June 2019):
- <http://norf-ireland.net/>
- Plan S (supported by SFI, Wellcome, etc) updated in May 2019.
- Timeline pushed back to 2021 and some criteria adjusted.
- The main principles remain, that:
 - No scholarly publication should be locked behind a paywall;
 - Open Access should be immediate i.e., without embargoes
- The Library provides guidance and support on open access:
- <https://libguides.rcsi.ie/researchsupport/openaccesspublishing>



RCSI Repository

- New look repository will replace e-publications@RCSI later this year
- Will ultimately link to RIMS
- Open to wider range of material



RCSI Library

Further information and support:

libguides.rcsi.ie/researchsupport

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