

## Policy on access to research outputs

BBSRC, along with other Research Councils, is fully committed to making the outputs from its funded research publicly available. The revised RCUK policy is available at <http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/research/researchoutcomes/>.

Researchers in receipt of funding from BBSRC must comply with the RCUK policy, and should also note the following.

As part of our commitment to encourage our research community to make readily available their research outputs, BBSRC is one of the funders of Europe PMC (formerly UK PubMed Central (UKPMC), which was launched in 2007).

Europe PMC mirrors the US-based PubMed Central (PMC) and provides a digital archive of full-text, peer-reviewed research publications. If the paper arising from BBSRC funding is published in a journal that is already participating in Europe PMC, then it will be submitted automatically to Europe PMC. Alternatively, if the paper is published in a journal that allows self-archiving, scientists can submit their research papers to Europe PMC themselves using Europe PMC Plus (<http://plus.europepmc.org>).

Although Europe PMC was developed primarily for papers in the biomedical field, all scientists funded by BBSRC should consider submitting papers; Europe PMC may be appropriate for papers from all BBSRC funded research.

In conjunction with other Research Councils, we have revised our funding mechanism for open access publication costs. From 1 April 2013, funding has been made available through block grants to institutions. For further information please see the RCUK website

Publication costs associated with peer reviewed journal articles and conference papers must no longer be included in grants as open access publication costs are funded by RCUK block grant funding to institutions. Researchers should contact their institution's research management to access these funds. Publication costs other than journal articles and conference papers, such as books, monographs, critical editions, catalogues etc. that are incurred within the period of the grant may be included within directly incurred costs, but full justification must be provided.

See the BBSRC Grants Guide for guidance on open access charges ([www.bbsrc.ac.uk/funding/apply/grants\\_guide.pdf](http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/funding/apply/grants_guide.pdf)).

See also:

Research Information Network website: <http://www.rin.ac.uk/>

Europe PubMed Central website: [europepmc.org](http://europepmc.org)

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