We would love to help you use HUSCAP

for all your open-access needs!

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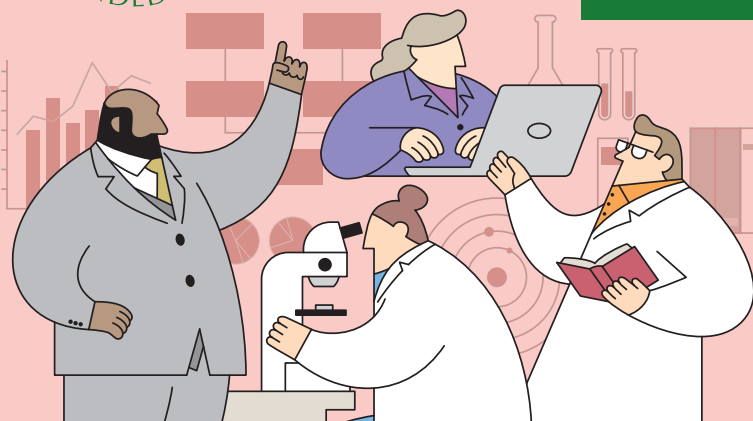
Starting with new applications for FY2025, immediate open access (OA) of articles and research data funded by certain public grants will be mandatory.

Public grants subject to OA mandate

JSPS	(Japan Society for the Promotion of Science)	**Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research (KAKENHI)**
JST	(Japan Science and Technology Agency)	**Strategic Basic Research Programs (with some exceptions)**
AMED	(Japan Agency for Medical Research and Development)	**Advanced Research & Development Programs for Medical Innovation**
JST	(Japan Science and Technology Agency)	**Fusion Oriented Research for disruptive Science and Technology**

*This list is for new applications as of FY2025 and is subject to change.

What is subject to the OA Mandate?

❶ **Academic Articles:** Peer-reviewed articles published in online journals (publisher's version or author's final manuscript)

❷ **Research data:** Research data required to ensure transparency and reproducibility when submitting a paper to an online journal (supplemental data and other data that is assumed to be published)

Making articles and research data OA

There are a few ways to make your articles and research data OA. One is to post them to an institutional repository (self-archive). Another is to pay an article processing charge (APC) to an online journal to ensure they are OA. Researchers affiliated with Hokkaido University can comply with the OA mandate by posting their academic articles and research data to HUSCAP, Hokkaido University's Institutional Repository. An appropriate version of your paper can be uploaded to HUSCAP after the embargo period. With regards to publishing on HUSCAP as a self-archive, the Hokkaido University Library will check the copyright regulations of the publisher to ensure all requirements are met.

What does immediate OA refer to?

Immediate OA refers to open access without an embargo period after publication in an academic journal. The general standard with this kind of OA is to open articles on an institutional repository within about 3 months of publication in an online academic journal. Depending on whether the publisher has stipulated an embargo period or not, OA publication may be postponed.

What should be my first step in making my articles and research data OA?

First, you need to check whether your articles and research data are subject to the OA mandate. It is important that you keep all final manuscripts that were accepted for publishing after peer review. Next, send them to the HUSCAP team at the Hokkaido University Library.
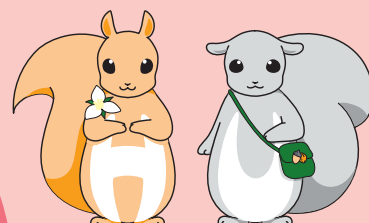
Address to: HUSCAP team, Hokkaido University Library

What to send: Your manuscripts and research data files, DOIs, and other article information that might be important to include.
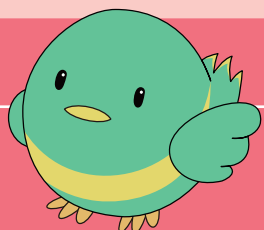
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START!!
You got a research grant!!

Conduct Surveys/ Experiments

Presented at an academic conference

Wrote an academic paper

Watch out for predatory journals!

A publishing contract!

Select a Journal for publication

The journal you submitted to was a predatory journal

Return to Conduct Surveys/ Experiments

Article accepted and copyright transferred!!

Peer review is taking longer than expected

Lose a turn

APCs are expensive

Jump to "Publishing an article is too expensive!"

No need for an APC! That's self-archiving!
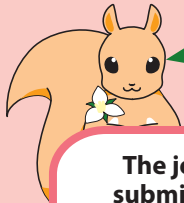
Article was published!

Publishing an article is too expensive!

Jump to "Make your article OA with HUSCAP"

Paid an APC to Gold OA Publishing

Proceed to Goal

Gotta make my article OA

Make your article OA with HUSCAP

Leave it to the library! They'll check to make sure everything is in compliance!

Is it okay to self-archive if my article is copyrighted?

Sent article to HUSCAP

Copyright check cleared with library support!
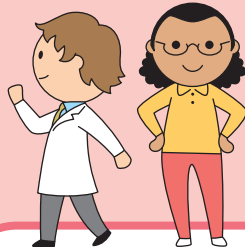
Oh no! You threw away your author's manuscript!

Lose a turn

Co-author self-archived

Proceed to Goal

Careful, sometimes you need the author's manuscripts to make your article OA

Don't forget to fill out all of your paperwork

Forgot to submit supplementary data!

Move back one space

Don't forget!

Tell me your ideas!

I didn't think I needed to make my article OA!

Lose a turn

There's gotta be a better way to distribute my results.

Finished self-archiving!

Proceed to Goal

GOAL!!

You successfully made your articles and research data OA! Great job! Now you're an OA master!