

## Goethe University's Open Access Policy

Drawing on its great disciplinary diversity, Goethe University excels as a research and educational institution that recognizes civic values and embraces its social responsibility. The specific culture of an academic discipline strongly affects the publication forms as well as common ways of publishing within it. Goethe University honors the differences between academic disciplines when it comes to publishing as an expression of scientific freedom. Acting upon its social responsibility, Goethe University endorses open access to scientific publications. Thus, Goethe University strives to maximize the number of publications of its researchers which are openly available. Due to being openly accessible, scientific publications distributed according to the principles of open access are bound to boost the visibility of their authors and highlight the accomplishments of Goethe University as a whole.

Goethe University encourages its researchers to publish their work according to open access principles. Both gold and green open access variants are considered equally suitable. "Gold" open access principles apply when a scholarly manuscript – most commonly, a scientific article – is published in a peer-reviewed open access journal. "Green" open access principles apply when researchers self-archive their publications using institutional or subject repositories in order to ensure free access to their scientific discoveries. In regard to green open access, researchers at Goethe University are advised to enact their rights as authors to self-archive their works, thereby making an important contribution to the advancement of society as a whole.

Goethe University supports open access publishing among its researchers through various means, which include the following:

- The university library supports gold open access publishing through its open access publication fund, which provides financial aid for authors choosing to distribute their work in open access journals.
- The university library runs the "Publication Server of Goethe University Frankfurt am Main", an institutional repository intended to promote green open access publishing. Researchers can both self-archive their publications as well as publish documents within this archive. As the publication server relies on standardized interfaces, documents stored there can be retrieved easily and their long-term availability is ensured.
- The university library's "Plattform für Open Access Journals" is an open access hosting service for academic journal publishers featuring professional web design and facilitating a sophisticated editorial workflow.
- The university library and its Open Access Officer offer extensive consulting services regarding all aspects of open access publishing.