

## University of Staffordshire Open Access Mandate 2022 (updated Dec 2024)

University of Staffordshire is committed to the principles of open access to research outputs. The purpose of the mandate is to ensure the University's research publications, as well as learning and teaching practice-based research are available to maximize the University's impact within both the academic research community, and more widely within society.

To deliver this the University has had an Open Access Mandate since 2014. The mandate requires staff to make their research outputs open access in the institutional repository, STORE. Research outputs are defined as:

- Articles
- Conference proceedings, papers, and presentations
- Exhibitions
- Books and book chapters
- Reports
- Media e.g., videos, photographs, sound
- PhD theses
- And outputs in any form that is identified as part of research activity

Staff are required to upload their author accepted manuscript (AAM) as soon as it is accepted by a publisher. Failure to do so could affect the University's position in the next Research Excellence Framework (REF) exercise and its future funding. Publisher embargoes are respected. It is the responsibility of the author of a research output to ensure the work is deposited in STORE and meets the compliancy criteria outlined.

Staff may be expected to comply with the REF open access policy and should also keep up to date with funder's Open Access requirements, for example, UKRI and Wellcome Trust

University of Staffordshire recommends Green Open Access. If you want to publish Gold Open Access there is no central fund for this, so you will need to check with your department or funder about payment of article processing charges, which apply to most titles the University subscribes to.

### For further information

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### Useful Links

- [REF OA Policy](#)
- [UKRI Open Access Policy](#)
- [Wellcome OA policy](#)
- Research Excellence Framework: <http://www.ref.ac.uk/>
- University of Staffordshire Online Repository STORE: <http://eprints.staffs.ac.uk/>
- [Library Research Publishing Guide](#)
- [University of Staffordshire Statement on Research Integrity](#)

**Next review:** When guidance on the next Research Excellence Framework has been published

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