Staffordshire University Open Access Mandate 2018 (update of 2014 Mandate)

Staffordshire University 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

To be compliant for the next Research Excellence Framework exercise in 2021 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 REF exercise and its future funding. Publisher embargoes are respected. A link to guidance on research output definitions for the REF 2021 is below.

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It is the responsibility of the author of a research output to ensure the work is deposited in STORE and meets the compliancy criteria for REF2021.

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Some Useful Links

- Research Excellence Framework REF20121 Guidance: http://www.ref.ac.uk/
- For guidance on research output definitions for the REF 2021 refer to Annex K: Outputs glossary and collections, on p.121 of the draft guidance on submissions: https://www.ref.ac.uk/media/1016/draft-guidance-on-submissions-ref-2018_1.pdf
- Staffordshire University Online Repository STORE: http://eprints.staffs.ac.uk/
- UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) statement on open access: https://www.ukri.org/funding/information-for-award-holders/open-access/

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