

# Canada's new Open Access Policy: what does it mean for Brock researchers?

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# Today's outcomes

You will recall:

- main characteristics of Canada's Tri-Agency Open Access Policy on Publications
- Library services supporting Open Access:
  - Brock Digital Repository
  - Scholarly Journals @ Brock
  - Library Open Access Publishing Fund
  - Scholarly communication expertise

# Quick poll!

1. Are you familiar with Open Access?
2. Are you familiar with Canada's Open Access policy?

# Tri-Agency Open Access Policy on Publications

- announced Feb. 27; takes effect May 1
- affects recipients of **grants from NSERC, SSHRC, CIHR** (already has OA policy)
- more info:
  - [www.science.gc.ca](http://www.science.gc.ca) > Research Funding Collaborations > Policies and Guidelines > Open Access

# Policy highlights

“Grant recipients are required to ensure that any **peer-reviewed journal publications** arising from Agency-supported research are **freely accessible within 12 months of publication.**”

Via:

- online archives
- Open Access journals

*And ...*

“**All researchers**, regardless of funding support, are encouraged to adhere to this policy.”



# What is Open Access?

- Scholarly content that is free to the end user
  - usually few restrictions on re-use
- more info:
  - [researchguides.library.brocku.ca/OA](https://researchguides.library.brocku.ca/OA)



# Two flavours

## Green:

- OA via online archiving
  - Subject or institutional repository
  - Can be embargoed e.g. 12 month delay

## Gold

- immediate publication via an OA journal
  - some charge APCs (article processing charges)



# What *don't* we know?

## 1. How will it be enforced?

### 2. Other qs:

- a. will TC3 develop publisher agreements to facilitate archiving?
- b. does the archive have to be in Canada?
- c. will other article versions be accepted?
- d. and many more ...

# What does this mean for you?

- know what Open Access is/isn't
- know your publication options:
  - awareness of publisher policies on online archiving, copyright > what can you archive?
  - how to choose a “good” OA journal
- know that the Library is here to help!

# Publishing in an Open Access Journal

## Part 1: Finding relevant OA journals

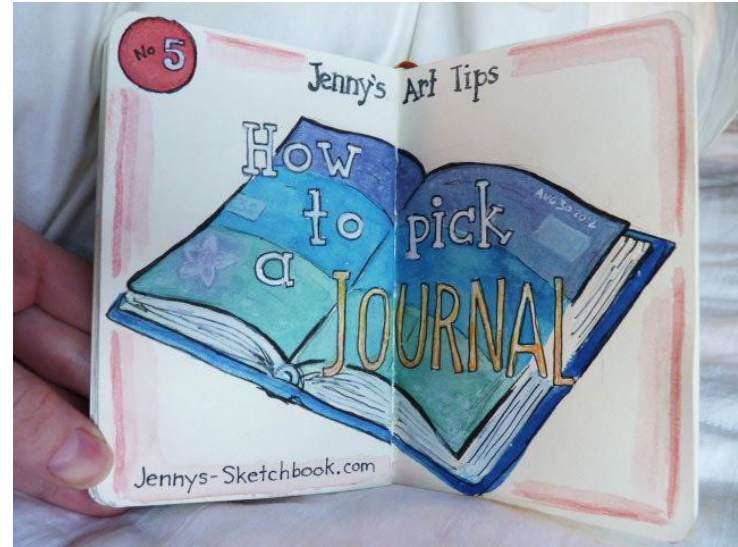
- Directory of Open Access journals - [doaj.org](http://doaj.org)
- EBSCO's Serials Directory - via Library
- Open Science Directory - [opensciencedirectory.net](http://opensciencedirectory.net)
- JURN: free arts & humanities journals - [jurn.org](http://jurn.org)
- Scholarly Journals @ Brock [www.brocku.ca/library/about-us-lib/openaccess/scholarly-journals-at-brock](http://www.brocku.ca/library/about-us-lib/openaccess/scholarly-journals-at-brock)

# Publishing in an Open Access Journal

## Part 2: Selecting the *right* OA journal

Check journal's:

- Aims & Scope
- Editorial board
- Abstracting/indexing
- Impact measures
- Fee statement



# Still wondering?

- Does it belong to the Open Access Scholarly Publishers' Association ([oaspa.org](http://oaspa.org))?
- Is it on a watchlist?:
  - Beall's list of "Potential, possible or probable predatory scholarly open-access publishers" - [scholarlyoa.com/publishers](http://scholarlyoa.com/publishers)
- Ask your librarian!



# Paying for OA publication

- Most OA journals *don't* charge APCs
- APCs can be covered by grant funds
- Library OA publishing fund may also help

Avoid hybrid journals!



Image: <http://ca.ign.com/articles/2006/03/21/titan-quest>

# Going green: archiving

- placing articles in an open online archive
- appears to be Agencies' preferred OA option



# Repositories

- An archival / persistent place to host electronic copies of things:
  - Preprints
  - Final Manuscripts
  - Grey Literature
  - Open Access works



# Repositories

- Sometimes by Discipline
  - arXiv.org
  - PubMed Central
- Sometimes by Institution

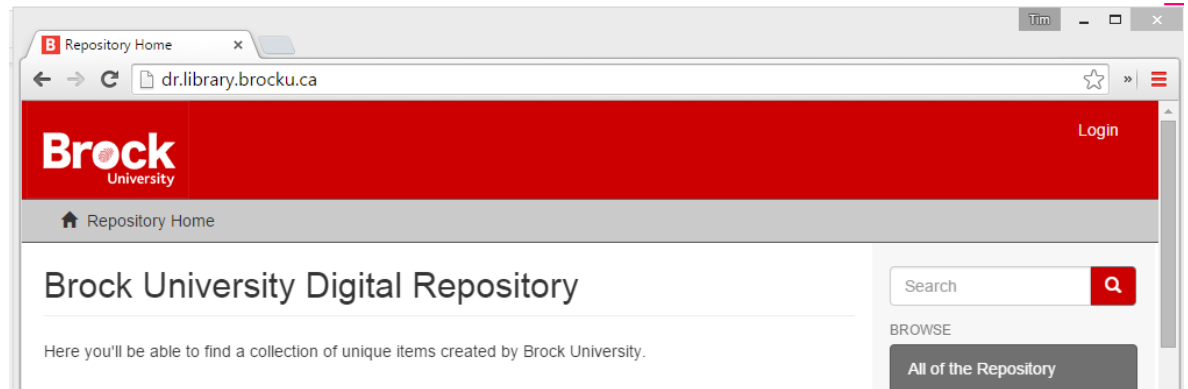
# Repositories

- What Repositories are available?
- OpenDOAR
- [www.opendoar.org](http://www.opendoar.org)



# Brock Digital Repository

- Started 2007
- 5000 items uniquely from Brock
- Available to you to deposit your work



# Brock Digital Repository

- Indexed in Google Scholar
- Has Global Audience
- Top Item Last Year:

**The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: Critical Media Literacy and Disney Female Characters**

# Brock Digital Repository

<http://dr.library.brocku.ca>

Login with Portal Account

Find your discipline and click submit

# Brock Digital Repository

... Before you Submit however...

- Let's look at copyright!
- Are you allowed to post this?

# Sherpa RoMEO

- <http://sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/>
- lists policies for **journal** article submissions into repositories



# Depositing Material

- I have an Open Access article I'd like to deposit in the Repository...



# More about the policy

- [www.science.gc.ca](http://www.science.gc.ca) > Research Funding Collaborations > Policies and Guidelines > Open Access > Toolbox
- [www.science.gc.ca](http://www.science.gc.ca) > Research Funding Collaborations > Policies and Guidelines > Open Access > Frequently Asked Questions

# More resources

- Scholarly Communication and Open Access Guide - [researchguides.library.brocku.ca/OA](https://researchguides.library.brocku.ca/OA)
- Open Access Journals - [researchguides.library.brocku.ca/OA/journals](https://researchguides.library.brocku.ca/OA/journals)
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