OPEN ACCESS policy for Nord University
Adopted by the Board on 24.04.18, case 41/18:

1. The scientists have academic freedom and decide for themselves the channel in which they want to publish.

2. The university library (UB) is responsible for the information and facilitation work for the academic communities and for clarifying the rights of publications to be made available in the institutional repository Brage Nord. Clarification of rights involve checking the publisher's archiving guidelines, including which version may be archived in Brage Nord (see also point 3.3). UB also manages Nord University’s Open Access Fund (OA fund).

3. All peer-reviewed scientific journal articles in which Nord University is credited are to be archived in Brage Nord.

3.1. Researchers should investigate the possibilities for publishing their articles in purely Open Access journals and select purely Open Access journals where it is academically justifiable.

3.2. If a researcher considers two or more periodicals as academically equal and one of them is a purely Open Access journal, then the Open Access journal should be selected.

3.3. If a researcher considers two or more non-OA journals as academically equal, the journal that has the best policy in respect of self-archiving (i.e., which allows self-archiving immediately after the journal has published the final version, or with the shortest possible embargo), is selected.

3.4. If researchers associated with Nord University publish an article that is not Open Access in a subscription-based/non-OA journal, a version of this article should be uploaded to CRIStin for archiving in Brage Nord.

3.4.1. If the corresponding author is affiliated with Nord University, then he should deposit a peer-reviewed manuscript version – a post-print – of the article.

3.4.2. If the corresponding author is not affiliated with Nord University, but a post-print is available for Nord University’s authors/OA-advisers (e.g. in a different institution repository or ResearchGate), then (one of) the Nord University’s co-author(s) should upload the post-print for archiving also in Brage Nord (or sign an agreement that gives Nord University’s OA-advisers the right to do so for the researcher).

3.4.3. If the corresponding author is not affiliated with Nord University and a post-print is not available to Nord University’s author(s), the published version of the article must be deposited. (This [published] version cannot then be made openly available/downloadable in Brage Nord).

3.5. All peer-reviewed scientific journal articles in which Nord University is credited are to be archived in Brage Nord no later than at the time of publication.

4. Employees, Ph.D. students and other students are encouraged to make their scientific books/book chapters, dissertations and master’s theses openly available as much as possible (in Brage Nord).