

## **Open Access policy for Nord University**

Adopted by the Board on 24.04.18, case 41/18 (update approved by rector on 19.03.21, archival ref. 18/00545-11):

1. Researchers have academic freedom and decide for themselves in which channel they wish to publish.
2. The University Library (UB) is responsible for the information and facilitation work for the academic communities, and for authorising rights of publications to be made available in the institutional repository, [Nord Open Research Archive](#) (hereafter called the institutional repository). Authorisation of rights involves checking the publisher's archiving guidelines, including which version may be archived in the institutional repository (see also 3.3). UB is also administering Nord University's [Open Access Fund \(OA Fund\)](#).
3. All peer-reviewed, scholarly journal articles crediting Nord University shall be archived in the institutional repository.
  - 3.1. Researchers should investigate the possibilities for publishing their articles in pure Open Access journals and select pure Open Access journals where it is academically justifiable.
  - 3.2. If a researcher considers two or more journals as academically equal and one of them is a pure 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), should be 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 the institutional repository](#).
    - 3.4.1. If the corresponding author is affiliated with Nord University, they should deposit a peer-reviewed manuscript version (author's accepted manuscript (AAM)/postprint) of the article.
    - 3.4.2. If the corresponding author is not affiliated with Nord University, but the AAM version is available to Nord University's authors/OA advisers (e.g. in a different institutional repository or ResearchGate), then (one of) the Nord University's co-author(s) should upload the AAM version for archiving also in the institutional repository.
    - 3.4.3. If the corresponding author is not affiliated with Nord University and the AAM version is not available to Nord University's author(s), the published version of the article must be deposited (this [published] version cannot be made openly accessible/downloadable in the institutional repository).
  - 3.5. All peer-reviewed, scholarly journal articles crediting Nord University are to be archived in the institutional repository no later than at the time of publication.
4. Doctoral theses from Nord University shall be made openly accessible via the institutional repository, pursuant to Regulations regarding the philosophiae doctor (PhD) degree at Nord University § 17-3.
5. Employees and students are encouraged to make their scholarly books/book chapters and master's theses openly accessible via the institutional repository.