Open Access policy for Nord University

Adopted by the Board on 24.04.18, case 41/18; updates approved by rector on 19.03.21 (archival ref. 18/00545-11) and 30.06.23 (archival ref. 23/00706-3):

1. Researchers have academic freedom and decide for themselves the venue of publication.

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. UB also administers Nord University's Open Access Fund (OA Fund).

3. Nord University's researchers shall upload all their peer-reviewed, scholarly journal articles to the national research documentation system (for the time being: Cristin) for archiving 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 publishes an article that is Open Access under an open licence on the publisher's platform, the published version is to be uploaded.

    3.4. If researchers affiliated with Nord University publish an article that is not Open Access in a subscription-based/non-OA journal, the peer-reviewed manuscript version (author's accepted manuscript (AAM)) has to be uploaded.

    3.5. All peer-reviewed, scholarly journal articles crediting Nord University are to be deposited 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.

Nord University's Rights Retention Policy

For Open Access to scholarly journal articles, the following rights retention policy applies:

-   Nord University has a non-exclusive right to make all scholarly articles authored by researchers affiliated with Nord available under the terms of a Creative Commons licence.

-   Researchers who wish to opt out of the rights retention policy, may do so for individual articles. It is not required to state the reason(s) for the opt out.

-   The University Library will make the scholarly articles openly accessible in the institutional (in future: national) repository. Of articles that are OA with an open licence on the publisher's website, the published version will be made accessible under the same licence used by the publisher. Of articles

that are not OA (not under an open licence) on the publisher's website, the accepted version will be made accessible by default under a [Creative Commons Attribution – CC BY](#) licence.[1]

- Nord University is responsible for interpreting this policy and resolving disputes concerning its interpretation and application.

Important note: This is a translation of the document approved by the Rector of Nord University on 30 June 2023 (archival ref. 23/00706-3); this English language version has not been formally approved.

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[1] Uploading the accepted version to the national research documentation system (for the time being: Cristin) does not mean that the article will be made immediately accessible in the repository. The administrators of the repository receive the material from Cristin, check the version, format, metadata and whether the author has opted out of the rights retention policy before full-text versions are made accessible in the repository.