

## Open Access to peer-reviewed Publications

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Open access to publications can also be ensured by self-deposition of the author's accepted manuscript (after peer review but prior to the publisher's copy editing and production) in any sustainable subject or institutional repository. If there is a restricted period during which such archiving is not permitted, the period should not be longer than 12 months. If the embargo period is longer, please choose an alternative publishing venue. For publisher's self-archiving policies, please consult the [SHERPA/RoMEO](#) database.

## II. Archiving

Notwithstanding the option selected (see Section I), publications must be deposited (by the author or by the publisher) in repositories with sustainable access at the time of publication. These can be either subject or institutional repositories (see [Directory of Open Access Repositories](#)<sup>2</sup>).

If the publications are in the **life sciences** (or related topics), authors are required to make their peer-reviewed papers freely available, subject to the embargo period, in the full-text repository [Europe PMC](#). An e-mail will be sent by Europe PMC to principal investigators affected by this policy. For more information, please consult the [guidelines](#) (PDF, 202KB).

## III. Publication Costs

In all FWF programmes, costs for peer-reviewed journal publications and similar formats (e.g. contributions to proceedings and collected volumes) can be requested up to three years after the end of the project (see [Peer-Reviewed Publications](#)).

Other forms of peer-reviewed publications (e.g., monographs, edited volumes or proceedings, databases and other web-based formats) are supported by the [Stand-Alone Publications programme](#).

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<sup>1</sup> If an open access journal has been founded very recently (in the last 12 months) and is therefore not yet registered in the DOAJ, it must be clear from the journal's website that the DOAJ criteria are fulfilled.

<sup>2</sup> If an embargo period must be applied, most repositories offer settings so that the publication is not made openly accessible until the embargo period has expired.

#### **IV. Acknowledgement**

Principal investigators are required to acknowledge support from the FWF in every presentation and/or publication of research results. The following naming convention must be observed in all cases:

**Austrian Science Fund (FWF): project number.**

#### **V. Documentation**

Open access activities are to be indicated in the final report to the FWF. Compliance with the FWF's Open Access Policy must be demonstrated by providing a persistent address where the full text of the publication can be accessed, read and downloaded. This address may either be an ID associated with a recognised service (DOI, identifier of [PubMed Central](#), [ArXiv](#), [RePEc](#), [SSRN](#) or [Datacite DOI](#)) or another persistent address that is guaranteed to be resolvable for at least ten years.

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