

Tri-Council Open Access Tips

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The Tri-Council OA policy requires that you make your peer-reviewed journal article open access **twelve months from publication** (this **only** applies to journal articles, e.g. conference papers are not covered.) Read the full policy at <http://www.science.gc.ca/default.asp?lang=En&n=F6765465-1>.

You have many options to comply with the policy and that will/should not restrict where you want to publish. The main ones are:

- Publish in an Open Access Journal
- Publish any journal that allows or that you can negotiate the right to deposit your article in a repository like *Scholars Commons @ Laurier*. Many journals will allow you to deposit a post-reviewed version into a repository after an embargo period which is typically 12 months (to meet Tri-Council requirements it has to be the post-review version.) You can now submit your articles directly on *Scholars Commons*.
- You can pay an APC (Article Processing Charge) which will make it open access right away and will allow you to deposit a copy in *Scholars Commons @ Laurier*, but you will need to arrange for funding to do this, such as building APC funding costs in your initial grant application budget.

How to identify open access journals

There are 2 main tools:

- www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo This is a comprehensive database that shows what the open access rights of journals are and saves you from having to go to each individual journal's home page.
- doaj.org This is the main directory of open access journals. It's a great resource if you are trying to identify OA journals that you might want to publish in.

What to keep track of

There are a few things to get in the habit of doing if you haven't been doing them:

- **Keep track of your pre-review version.** This is the version you send to the publishers for review
- **Keep track of your post-review version.** This is the version you send to the publishers after incorporating your reviewer's comments and is the text of the version that will be published. We are not always allowed to post the final published copy in *Scholars Commons*.
- **Keep your author agreement.** Remember this can often be negotiated or modified. How much and what clauses will depend on the publisher and what they are willing to accommodate. See [Author Agreements](#) on our Scholarly Communication pages for more information.

More Information & Contacts

<http://library.wlu.ca/services/scholarly-communication>

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