

# Research England Open Access Policy

## FAQS

### What is the author accepted manuscript (AAM)?

The author accepted version has been through the peer-review process, been amended as necessary, and has been accepted for publication. It is the final version that you send to the publisher. It is the version before the publisher applies their formatting such as branding, journal name, and page numbers, so the version you upload will not contain these. **We cannot use PROOFS** as these contain publisher formatting, which is under copyright.

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## **Should journal articles/conference proceedings under embargo be deposited on acceptance?**

Yes. The Research England policy respects embargo periods set by publishers. If your output is subject to an embargo period you must still deposit the file, and it will be considered a closed deposit. Closed deposits will be admissible to the REF. The Repository Team will manage and apply embargo periods for you. Only the bibliographic information about your output will be public until the embargo period has elapsed. At the end of the embargo period, the full text becomes available to read and download.

## **What if the journal I am publishing in doesn't have a compliant embargo period?**

Wherever possible, authors should aim to publish in a journal which does meet the Research England requirements but there may be some cases where the most, or only appropriate journal does not offer such an option. This may then fall under one of the exceptions Research England have listed as part of the policy. You will still need to make a closed deposit but please add a note in the Comments tab to alert staff of the need to record an exception.

## **Should gold open access outputs be deposited?**

Yes. If you have paid to publish your article through a gold open access route, published in a free open access only journal, or used one of the publishing agreements that the Library has signed up to, then you should upload the final published PDF. If this is not available, please provide a link to the published version and the Repository Team will obtain a copy.

## **Do I still need to deposit the author accepted manuscript if the corresponding author is at another institution?**

Yes, please ensure the corresponding author sends you a copy as soon as possible in order for you to deposit within three months of acceptance and be REF compliant. If your co-authors are from UWE Bristol, only one person needs to deposit the article – usually the corresponding author.

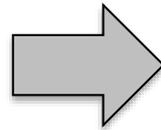
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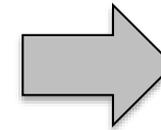
Research England  
says:

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## How can I comply?

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- Increased citations and collaborations due to work being available to a wider audience
- Publicly funded research is open to all at the earliest opportunity