

# Why Open Access Publications in Science: Perceptions and Opinions

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The concept of Open Access (OA) was established by public declarations in 2002-2003.

How has OA progressed in the last 10 years?

We've created a short interactive questionnaire to find out. Please use the marker to record your answers.

## 1. How much do you know about Open Access?

|                          |                         |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I'm an expert.          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I have basic knowledge. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I know a little.        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I don't know very much. |

## 2. Where have you heard about Open Access?

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | at work   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | social media (blogs, social networking sites)                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | from professional associations where I am a member (please specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | funding agencies  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | other (please specify)  |

## 3. How involved are you in Open Access? (Please check all that apply)

|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I've read articles from OA journals.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I've read articles from an OA repository.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I've published in OA journals.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I've deposited articles or data to an OA repository.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I've worked on an OA repository.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I've worked on an OA journal.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I work for a publisher who is thinking about switching to OA.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I promote OA at my institution.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I'm involved in making guidelines for OA policy in public research.                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I've heard a lot about OA but I don't fully understand how it works or how it will affect me personally. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | other  |

## 4. How do the following statements describe Open Access journals?

| Agree                    | Neutral                  | Disagree                 |  |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | OA articles have high scientific quality                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | author pays an article processing fee to publish               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | OA articles are freely accessible                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | only electronic documents, no paper                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | non-peer-reviewed self-publishing                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | long-term archiving is a problem                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | the OA idea is too radical to be successful                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | you can't easily find OA articles because they are not indexed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | there are too many OA journals in my field                     |

## 5. How do you feel about publishing in OA journals?

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I believe in traditional publishing and I would never pay an article processing fee to publish my work. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I would publish in both traditional and OA journals.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I would like to support OA journals but I am not sure if they have a good reputation.                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I only submit to OA journals because I want my work to be freely available without a subscription.      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | other (please specify)  |

## 6. What is the state of OA repositories at your institution?

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Deposition of research is encouraged or mandatory.                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | There are formal guidelines as to what and when researchers should deposit. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Researchers at my institution are under-using the OA repository.            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Copyright issues discourage researchers from depositing.                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | More funding and trained personnel is needed to achieve this.               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Our repository is only for internal use and is not publicly accessible.     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I don't know.   |

## 7. Who are you? I am a:

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | student   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | researcher  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | librarian   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | administrator in a university or research institute |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | policy maker  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | publisher   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | other   |

Please feel free to share the on-line version of the questionnaire:

<http://goo.gl/forms/XR1iocycSu>



We hope it creates some interesting discussion about OA!