

The NIH Public Access Policy: Policy Issues and Public Input

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The Public Access Policy Is Now Mandatory

- The Policy implements Division G, Title II, Section 218 of PL 110-161 (Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008) which states:

SEC. 218. The Director of the National Institutes of Health shall require that all investigators funded by the NIH submit or have submitted for them to the National Library of Medicine's PubMed Central an electronic version of their final, peer-reviewed manuscripts upon acceptance for publication, to be made publicly available no later than 12 months after the official date of publication: Provided, That the NIH shall implement the public access policy in a manner consistent with copyright law.

- NIH Guide Notice NOT-OD-08-033

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-08-033.html>



Definitions

- ***PubMed Central (PMC):*** PubMed Central (PMC) is the NIH digital archive of full-text, peer-reviewed journal articles. Its content is publicly accessible and integrated with other databases (see: <http://www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov/>).
- ***PubMed:*** PubMed provides access to citations from biomedical literature. It includes over 17 million citations from MEDLINE and other life science journals for biomedical articles back to the 1950s, along with links to full text articles and other scientific resources.
- ***Final peer-reviewed manuscript:*** The author's final manuscript of a peer-reviewed article accepted for journal publication, including all modifications from the peer review process.
- ***Final published article:*** The journal's authoritative copy of the article, including all modifications from the publishing peer review process, copyediting and stylistic edits, and formatting changes.



The Public Access Policy Applies to Any Final Manuscript That...

- **Is peer-reviewed;**
- **And, is accepted for publication in a journal on or after April 7, 2008;**
- **And, arises from:**
 - Any direct funding from an NIH grant or cooperative agreement active in Fiscal Year 2008 or beyond, or;
 - Any direct funding from an NIH contract signed on or after April 7, 2008, or;
 - Any direct funding from the NIH Intramural Program, or;
 - An NIH employee.

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How to Comply- an Overview

■ Address Copyright

- Institutions and investigators are responsible for ensuring full compliance with the Public Access Policy, including any copyright or other agreements are consistent with submitting to PMC.

■ Submit Manuscripts Upon Acceptance for Publication

- Some journals will fulfill the submission requirement for authors. http://publicaccess.nih.gov/submit_process_journals.htm
- For other journals:
 - Inform the journal of the Policy upon submission for publication.
 - Ensure copyright and other agreements comply with the Policy.
 - Submit the final peer-reviewed manuscript to NIH upon acceptance for publication. <http://nihms.nih.gov/>

■ Cite Article

- **Include the PMC number (PMCID)** for applicable articles in applications, proposals and reports



Additional Information About the Policy

- About the Public Access Policy:
 - <http://publicaccess.nih.gov/>
 - Guide notice: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-08-033.html>
- Frequently Asked Questions
 - <http://publicaccess.nih.gov/FAQ.htm>
- Training Resources
 - <http://publicaccess.nih.gov/communications.htm>
- The NIH Manuscript Submission System
 - <http://www.nihms.nih.gov/>
 - Tutorials: <http://www.nihms.nih.gov/web-help/>

Pre Meeting Registrants- A Profile

- Over 100 people have pre-registered
- Many stakeholders are represented
 - Awardee Institutions
 - NIH-funded Investigators
 - Patient or Representative of a Public Health Organization
 - Publishers, including Commercial Organizations, Professional Societies and Journal Editors
 - Other Members of the Public



Pre Meeting Comments- A First Look

Global Comment Topic	Total
Policy Concerns	
- Fundamental Concern with the Policy	38
- Financial Impact	17
- Request Clarification/Revision	7
- Embargo Period	82
No Concern	
- General Support	295
- Support of Policy/ Sharing Implementation Approaches	6
Other	3
Duplicate	3
Total	451

