

Kansas State University Policy on Open Access to Faculty Scholarly Articles

Preamble

As a land-grant institution, an integral part of K-State's mission is to serve Kansas, the nation, and the international community by providing access to knowledge and basic research that address public needs. Ensuring the widest dissemination of and open access to faculty scholarly articles is essential to that mission. In consideration of this, the Faculty adopts the following policy.

Policy

Each faculty member grants to Kansas State University permission to make available his or her scholarly journal articles and to reproduce and distribute those articles for the purpose of open dissemination. In legal terms, each Faculty member grants Kansas State University a non-exclusive, irrevocable, royalty-free, worldwide, perpetual license to exercise any and all rights under copyright relating to each of his or her scholarly articles, in any medium and to authorize others to do the same, provided that the articles are only for non-commercial purposes and not sold for a profit. A final accepted version* of each article will be deposited in the university's open access institutional repository, the K-State Research Exchange (K-REx); each faculty member will provide each of their article(s) to the university for deposit no later than 6 months from the date of publication. This policy does not transfer copyright ownership, which remains with the author(s) unless otherwise assigned.

Notwithstanding the above, this policy does not in any way prescribe or limit the venue of publication.

Scope

This policy applies to all scholarly journal articles authored or co-authored while the person is a member of the K-State faculty. Excluded are articles published before the adoption of this policy and any articles for which the faculty author entered into an incompatible agreement with the publishers before the adoption of this policy. Other forms of scholarly work, such as conference papers, books, book chapters, etc. are excluded from this policy, but faculty are encouraged to deposit such work in K-Rex.

Waiver

Each author may obtain a waiver of the nonexclusive license on an article-by-article basis.

Oversight and Implementation

K-State Libraries, with input and consultation from the K-State Faculty Senate and the Provost (or Provost designate), will be responsible for implementing this policy (including corresponding processes and form documents), ensuring compliance with publisher self-archiving policies, resolving disputes concerning its interpretation and application, and recommending any changes to the faculty.

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