The National Institutes of Health: Mandatory Public Access Policy

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NIH Public Access Policy

Effective April 7, 2008:

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.

– Division G, Title II, Section 218 of PL 110–161
  (Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008)

April 7th Deadline

As of *today* …

- All investigators funded by NIH *must* submit to PubMed Central an electronic version of final peer-reviewed manuscripts of articles accepted for publication.

- Submissions are to be made upon acceptance by the publisher and must be made publicly available *no later than 12 months* after the official date of publication.

- The NIH will implement the public access policy in a manner consistent with copyright law -- you *must* have permission from the *copyright* holder.
This federal law applies:

- to all research funded by NIH *grants or cooperative agreements* active in Fiscal Year 2008 (October 1, 2007 – September 30, 2008) or beyond

- to research directly funded by *contracts* signed on or after April 7, 2008

- to research directly funded by the NIH Intramural Program

- if NIH pays your salary
As of May 25, 2008

- When citing an article in NIH applications, proposals, and progress reports, you must include the PMCID with the full citation.

- This requirement applies only to articles accepted for publication on or after April 7, 2008, that fall under the Policy and are authored or co-authored by you or arose from your NIH award.

- NIH will address failure to comply administratively which may delay or prevent awarding of funds.
Three Key Points of Compliance

• Permission from *copyright* holder to submit. Include the WCMC letter with manuscripts submitted to publisher (handout and download from Library website). Add specific language to publication agreement.

• *Submit* the manuscript yourself or have it submitted for you to the NIH Manuscript Submission System.

• Effective May 25, *cite* PMCID numbers in references on applications, proposals, and progress reports.
Three Approaches to Compliance

• Submit manuscripts or have them submitted for you using the NIH Manuscript Submission System.

• Work with publishers that deposit manuscripts directly to PubMed Central on your behalf. Special list available at:
  - [http://publicaccess.nih.gov/submit_process_journals.htm](http://publicaccess.nih.gov/submit_process_journals.htm)

• Some publishers may, upon request, send copies of manuscripts to PubMed Central, e.g. Elsevier, Blackwell Publishing's Online Open, Oxford Journals' Oxford Open, and Springer’s Open Choice.

  **NOTE**: these publishers may charge a FEE.
Understanding the Process

FAQs for several aspects

• Basic information
  – How does the NIHMS work?
  – What version of manuscript do I submit?
  – In what format do I submit my manuscript?

Tutorials and Self-Help Materials

• Slide Shows
• Quick Time Movies
• PDFs
• For:
  – Principal Investigators (PIs)
  – Non PI Submitters
Weill Cornell Medical Library

Scholarly Communication Support Services

• NIH Public Access Policy Workshops
  – Scheduled Classes:
    April 8, 9, 10, 11
    More added as needed
  – Please visit the Library website for course schedules and more information or to sign up for a class

• Individual Consultations
  – Make arrangements with Education & Outreach at libeducation@med.cornell.edu or 212-746-6061

• Contact the Library’s NIH Mandate Specialists
  – Email infodesk@med.cornell.edu or 212-746-6055