

THE UNIVERSITY OF BARCELONA'S OPEN ACCES POLICY

Approved by The Governing Council on 7th June 2011

On 18 February 2008, the Governing Council of the University of Barcelona (UB) approved the document entitled "The University of Barcelona and the free dissemination of knowledge", which proposed a series of actions promoting the open access dissemination of scientific output. In accordance with this document and the recommendations on open access made by the Council of the European University Association (EUA) and adopted in Barcelona on 26 March 2008, and given both the conclusions of the Berlin Declaration, signed by the rector of the UB in September 2009 and the framework agreement reached by the Interuniversity Council of Catalonia (CIC) in 2010 establishing open access to research publications in Catalan universities, the UB has approved the following resolutions:

- All members of the UB academic community will deposit an electronic copy of any academic publication submitted (including articles in journals, working papers, presentations, communications, scientific and technical documents, and book publications) in the institutional repository of the University either immediately following publication or in a period not exceeding six months after publication.
- Where appropriate, the conditions set out by publishers with regard to posting documents in open access repositories and the application of possible embargoes to provide access will be taken into account.
- If the conditions described above do not facilitate free access to any full publication, then beyond the variables in each given case, this access will be included in a restricted format and will only be available to the summary or the complete metadata descriptors accompanying the publication

Additionally, the UB recommends that, where possible, the academic community should choose to publish in open access journals and make a commitment to facilitating this type of publication, either by providing writers with the appropriate resources or by negotiating directly with publishers of academic writing.

The UB will encourage its academic community to deposit all those resources that can be defined as educational in the University's institutional repository and to participate in open dissemination projects such as those coordinated by the OpenCourseWare Consortium.

From January 2012 onwards, the UB will also seek to provide incentives for its academic community to cooperate with these resolutions, including the provision of support in departmental budgeting and consideration of the calls for grants and financial aid held by different University bodies.

Moreover, with regard to those materials deposited by members of the academic community in any open access repositories in which the University participates, the UB agrees to do the following:

- Ensure respect for copyright, intellectual property and confidentiality.
- Comply with international guidelines and standards for repositories.
- Coordinate its activities with other public universities in Catalonia and in Spain, and at a European and international level.
- Increase the visibility and the interoperability of deposited documents by incorporating these in academic search engines.
- Preserve and maintain perpetual access to publications deposited in the institutional repository.
- Ensure the relationship between the research information system at the University and the institutional repository to facilitate the introduction of document metadata for storage of full texts.
- Ensure the integrity of the entered data.
- Ensure that teaching and research staff are exempt from the need to deliver any documentation and any reference deposited in the institutional repository for the call of grants and the internal calls in which such staff might participate.
- Coordinate its activities with the Catalan University Quality Assurance Agency (AQU Catalunya) to provide the Agency with access to any document deposited in the University's institutional repository, to ensure that teaching and research staff are exempt from the need to reference and to submit documents requested for financial assistance, assessment and accreditation.

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http://www.bib.ub.edu/fileadmin/arxiu/diposits/2011_06_Politica_acces_obert_UB.pdf*