

What is the NIH Public Access Policy, in plain English?

A legal requirement since 2008 that any peer-reviewed article supported by NIH funding be made freely available to the public via PubMed Central, no later than 12 months after the official publication date.

What is the impact of the NIH Public Access Policy on RU Investigators and Authors?

Journal articles resulting from NIH-funded activities submitted for publication must be deposited in the publicly accessible PubMed Central within 12 months after the journal article is published. Authors submitting articles for journal publication must retain the right to make the article publicly available. The UW Research Office has provided both a RU copyright agreement letter and a RU copyright amendment to the publication agreement. Both of these documents should be sent to the publisher.

What is *My NCBI*, and why is a *My NCBI* account now required for compliance with NIH Public Access Policy?

NIH's Electronic Research Administration (eRA) Commons has partnered with the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) to simplify bibliography management, improve data quality, and ensure compliance with the NIH Public Access Policy. NCBI's personal online tool, *My NCBI*, offers an online portal ("My Bibliography") for users to maintain and manage a list of all types of their authored works, such as articles, presentations and books. Effective July 23, 2010, Authors and Investigators will be unable to manually input citations into eRA Commons, and must use *My NCBI's* "My Bibliography" tool to manage their professional bibliographies and ensure NIH compliance. The following actions are required for transition to *My NCBI*:

1. If not already established, RU authors and investigators must [establish a *My NCBI* account](#) to gain access to My Bibliography.
2. *My NCBI* accounts must be [linked to](#) eRA Commons accounts.
3. As of July 23, 2010, Authors and investigators will no longer be able to type or copy and paste citation data into eRA Commons and must enter new citations into their *My NCBI* accounts.
4. As of October 22, eRA Commons will no longer display citations that a Principal Investigator has manually entered into eRA Commons. All citations previously entered manually into Commons will be removed from the eRA Commons system. Therefore, these citations must be [added to My Bibliography](#) so that they will continue to appear in eRA Commons and can be associated with future annual progress reports.

Resources for NIH Investigators and Authors

- [RU Publication Submission Letter](#) for NIH-funded Article Manuscripts
- [RU Publication Agreement Amendment](#) for NIH-funded Article Manuscripts
- Instructions for [setting up a *My NCBI* account](#)

RU Contacts for Information Regarding the NIH Public Access Policy

- Director, Office of Academic Grants [oag@regis.edu] (303) 458-4206
- Special Projects Librarian for Dayton Memorial Library [Libraries@regis.edu]

For Additional Information about the NIH Public Access Policy:

- Frequently asked questions regarding the NIH Public Access Policy
<http://publicaccess.nih.gov/FAQ.htm>
- How to comply with the NIH Public Access Policy
<http://publicaccess.nih.gov/>
- How to deposit a final manuscript in PubMed Central
<http://www.nihms.nih.gov/>
- Journals that automatically deposit final manuscripts in PubMed Central
http://publicaccess.nih.gov/submit_process_journals.htm
- Text of the full NIH Public Access Policy
<http://publicaccess.nih.gov/policy.htm>

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