
Open-Access-Policy

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Background

Open Access stands for unlimited and free access to quality-controlled academic information in the Internet. Through the removal of technical, financial and legal barriers, Open Access is instrumental in accelerating academic innovation processes and improving the visibility of research results. This supports those working in academia in their research and publication processes, and maximises the benefits of publicly funded research. As a member of the Leibniz Association, the IFW Dresden is committed to Open Access. It thereby adheres to the “Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities” and the “Guidelines on Open Access within the Leibniz Association” (“Leitlinie zu Open Access in der Leibniz-Gemeinschaft”).

Recommendations and obligations

The IFW Dresden aims to publish their research results in accordance with the principles of Open Access. At the IFW Dresden, this is carried out as quickly as possible via publications in Open Access publication media and – within legal limitations – by making the publications accessible via document servers (repositories) either in parallel with publication or retroactively as soon as possible. For immediate Open Access publications, the institute recommends publishing under a free usage licence (currently e.g. Creative Commons Attribution).

In order to assure the option of a parallel or retroactive Open Access publication, the IFW will strive for to not grant exclusive rights of use to publishing companies when entering a publishing contract, but instead to secure their own permanent right of use and transfer non-exclusive rights of use to the IFW Dresden for the institutional and/or a subject-specific repository. This is the only means by which to secure Open Access use in addition to all forms of commercial use by publishing companies.

The IFW Dresden recommends to its academic staff that they also apply for third-party funding for open-access publication fees when submitting project proposals.

Implementation

The IFW Dresden promotes Open Access by:

- Indexing freely accessible publications by its academic staff with Leibniz-Open.
- Providing its academic staff with funding opportunities to meet publication fees for Open Access publication media, e.g. via a publication fund.
- Advising its academic staff on Open Access and supporting them in clarifying issues concerning Open Access publication of their research results. For this purpose, the IFW Dresden is creating the post of Open Access Manager.

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