OISE Statement on Open Access

Preamble

As a global leader in teaching and learning, the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE), University of Toronto is committed to "enhancing the social, economic, political and cultural wellbeing of individuals and communities locally, nationally and globally."[1] To support this goal, OISE is dedicated to increasing access to its research and scholarship, ensuring that it is made widely and publicly available and benefits scholars, educators, policymakers, and other individuals worldwide. The OISE Statement on Open Access encourages all members of the OISE community to make their research outputs readily and openly accessible, mobilizing knowledge in a strategic manner.

Statement

In support of greater openness in scholarly and educational endeavors, the Faculty Council of the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education supports the following Statement on Open Access:

OISE scholars are strongly encouraged to:

1. Publish their scholarly work in open access, affordable, and sustainable scholarly venues, including open access[2] journals.
2. Retain or request in the publication agreement the right to deposit their scholarly work to TSpace or another Tri-Agency compliant repository if publishing in print or in a paywalled publication.[3]
3. Submit scholarly work including articles, book chapters, conference presentations and posters, reports, and other scholarly work to TSpace or another Tri-Agency compliant repository.

About TSpace

Operated by the University of Toronto Libraries, TSpace is the University of Toronto's open access research repository. It supports knowledge mobilization and access to research and plays a critical role in preserving the work of scholars at the University in perpetuity.

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[1] OISE website https://www.oise.utoronto.ca/oise/About_OISE/index.html

[2] SPARC defines Open Access as "the free, immediate, online availability of research articles combined with the rights to use these articles fully in the digital environment." SPARC https://sparcopen.org/open-access/

[3] SPARC has created an Author Addendum, a tool to help you as an author, negotiate modifications to the publisher's agreement and retain key rights to your articles: https://sparcopen.org/our-work/author-rights/brochure-html/

Why deposit to TSpace?

- Authors retain permission to freely disseminate the TSpace version of their work.
- Work submitted to TSpace has priority search engine indexing (Donohue, 2014), resulting in higher search engine rankings than items posted on departmental or personal websites.
- TSpace uses permanent URLs.
- The University of Toronto Libraries will ensure that uploaded files will not degrade or change over time.
- Depositing your SSHRC, CIHR, and NSERC funded publications to TSpace is an easy way to comply with the Tri-Agency Open Access Policy.

Depositing to TSpace

Faculty members can deposit their work directly to TSpace; library staff are also happy to facilitate these uploads. To request library support, please email oise.library@utoronto.ca and attach an electronic copy of the final version of your work. Please note that in some instances uploading to TSpace may not be possible (e.g. in cases where publishers, co-authors, or other rights holders do not grant permission for such a deposit).

History

Following extensive consultations with the OISE community, OISE Faculty Council first unanimously adopted the OISE Open Access Policy Statement in March 2012. Revisions to the Policy Statement were approved by OISE's Research Standing Committee in March 2019.