How to Be More Open in Your Research

Exploring: Get informed

- Talk to a librarian about open access (OA)*
- Attend a Libraries workshop on open scholarship
- Follow the hashtag #OA on Twitter
- Go to the SHERPA/RoMEO database to see which versions of your articles you can post online
- Find out how much the subscription cost is for the journals you submit to
- Find out how much it would cost to buy your own article if you didn’t have access

Developing: Engage in open practices

- Give a lecture about your in-progress research
- Write an op-ed about your research for a newspaper or magazine
- Blog or tweet about your research
- Share a preprint of your work before it is published
- Negotiate your author contract so you can control how you share your scholarship
- Use a Creative Commons license on your work
- Deposit your work in an open, non-profit, disciplinary repository
- Register a protocol in an open access journal or registry to reduce bias

Advancing: Be an open advocate

- Use the Open Science Framework to conduct your research and collaborate with peers
- Engage your colleagues in discussions about OA
- Publish in a journal that allows you to make your article OA
- Publish in an OA journal
- Apply to the Libraries’ Open Access Publishing Fund
- Serve on the editorial board of an OA journal
- Create an OA journal
- Hold a collegial assembly meeting about a campus OA mandate

“What is Open Access (OA)? According to SPARC, “Open Access is the free, immediate, online availability of research articles coupled with the rights to use these articles fully in the digital environment. Open Access ensures that anyone can access and use these results—to turn ideas into industries and breakthroughs into better lives.”

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