

Tohoku University Open Access Policy

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(Objective)

1. Tohoku University has a mission to widely disseminate research outcomes created at our university, based on the ideas of "Research first" and "Open doors", which have been the university's principles since its foundation. Therefore, as a research-oriented university, in order to diffuse "Knowledge" to the public, and to contribute to the sustainable development of human society as a fellowship of knowledge open to the world, Tohoku University has established the following Open Access Policy.

(Definition)

2. In this policy, "research outcomes" mean academic papers authored/written by the academic staff of our university which are published in academic journals issued by publishers, academic societies, universities and research institutes, etc. They include papers co-authored/written with outside researchers.

(Access Rights)

3. Tohoku University provides open access to the research outcomes through Tohoku University Repository ("TOUR" hereafter). However, copyright is not transferred to Tohoku University.

(Waiver)

4. Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, Tohoku University makes specific research outcomes not accessible to the public owing to unavoidable reasons such as those relating to copyright.

(Non-retroactive)

5. This policy exempts research outcomes published prior to its implementation or contractually conflicting with it.

(Submission of Research)

6. The academic member of staff shall submit his/her research outcomes that can be made public in TOUR as soon as possible unless an exceptional case arises. All other issues related to the operation of TOUR (registration, disclosure, usage conditions, etc.) shall be implemented in accordance with the Tohoku University Institutional Repository Operational Guidelines.

(Monitoring)

7. Tohoku University monitors its open access consistently to see if it is operating effectively based on this Policy.

(Others)

8. Open access issues unstated in this policy shall be negotiated by the parties concerned.