

The Tri-Agency Open Access Policy: How the Library can help

The Policy: All peer-reviewed journal publications resulting from funding by the Tri-Agency (CIHR, NSERC, SSHRC) must be freely available online within 12 months of publication.

To comply with the Tri-Agency Policy, you must either:

Archive the post-print or the published version in an institutional or subject repository.

The Health Sciences Library can work with you or on your behalf to deposit your articles in MacSphere, McMaster's institutional repository.

OR

Publish in an Open Access journal

Librarians can help you identify high-impact scholarly OA journals, which are subject to the same rigorous peer review that subscription-based academic journals are.

Definitions:

Open Access

Publications that are free to read on the Internet. Readers can download, copy, and distribute an Open Access publication, as long as credit is given to the authors.

Open Access Gold

Journals in which readers do not require a subscription or any other form of payment, either personally or through their university or library, to access the content. e.g. *PLoS One*

Open Access Green

Refers to self-archiving (typically, of articles published in conventional subscription-based journals) in a subject or institutional repository.

Institutional Repository

An online collection of the scholarship of an institution's researchers. Institutional repositories both preserve the intellectual output, and allow for wide distribution. McMaster's institutional repository is MacSphere. Institutional repositories are also called research repositories.

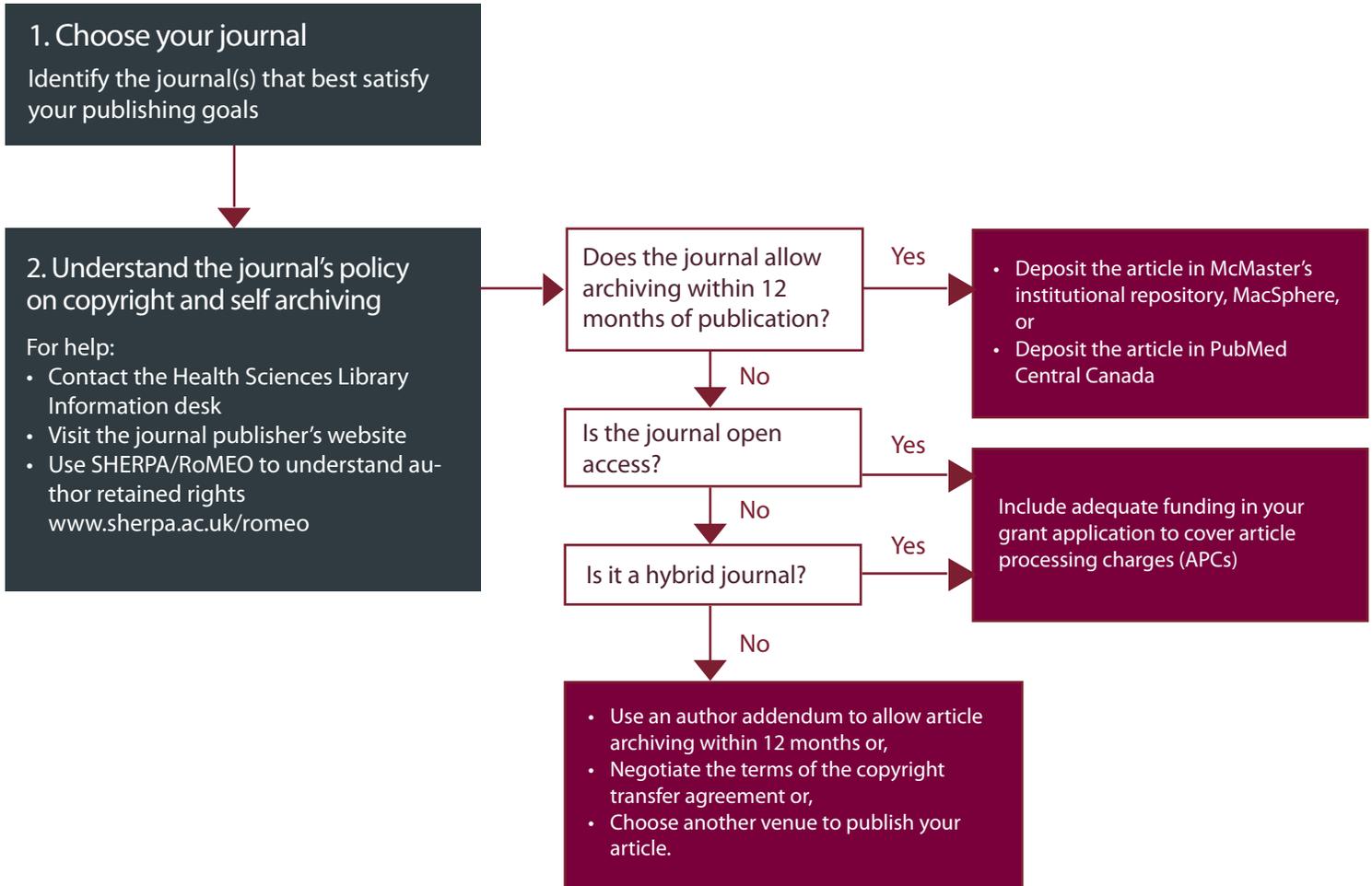
Subject Repository

An online collection of publications in a particular subject area. The repository collects, preserves and provides open access to the publications. Examples include arXiv, RePEc, and PubMed Central Canada. Subject repositories are also called disciplinary repositories.

Post-print, Version of Record, Author Accepted Manuscript (AAM), Post Peer Reviewed Manuscript

Terms used to describe the accepted version of an article after peer-review, with revisions having been made.

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Definitions:

Article Processing Charge (APC)

A fee levied by an open access publisher to cover costs associated with publication. Fees can range from \$200 to \$5000 or more per article.

Author Addendum

A legal instrument that modifies the publisher's copyright transfer agreement and allows you to keep rights to your article(s). E.g. SPARC Canadian Author Addendum

Hybrid Journal

A journal in which only selected articles are openly available to readers without a journal subscription. Hybrid journals require that authors pay an 'unlocking' fee, referred to as an article processing charge (APC).

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