

Universities New Zealand – Te Pōkai Tara

Pan-university Statement on Open Access

Universities New Zealand – Te Pōkai Tara recognises and respect the rights of iwi, hapū and Māori researchers to determine whether their data is open.

Universities New Zealand – Te Pōkai Tara acknowledges the rights of other Indigenous groups to determine the appropriate avenues for their data.

The academic publishing environment is complex and evolving globally, driven by open access funding mandates (funding bodies and government), the recognition that open access to research serves the public good and the need to maximise the impact of publicly funded research.

We are in the unique position that all eight universities in New Zealand have institutional open access repositories and there is broad support for open access across the research community, including funders and the Office of the Prime Minister’s Chief Science Advisor.

Universities New Zealand member universities will collectively continue to pursue open access by resourcing university repositories, adopting and implementing open access policy and working collectively to set realistic open access targets across our sector.

We undertake to:

- Support all models of open access and endorse the principles of the [FAIR](#) (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Reusable) and [CARE](#) (Collective Benefit; Authority to control; Responsibility and Ethics) principles for research outputs.
- Make published research publicly available and accessible to enable it to have the greatest impact in New Zealand and beyond through open access
- Embrace diversity in scholarly communications (bibliodiversity), acknowledging the research ecosystem can and should encompass different approaches and voices.
- Increase open access across our university repositories from 48% of published research (current) to 70% by 2025. This is possible if all eight universities deposit all eligible manuscripts into their repositories.
- Empower and support researchers across the New Zealand university research community to make all eligible manuscripts open.

Finally, we call on all academic publishers that supply resources to our universities to offer sustainable, viable and affordable open access options to support this commitment.

Kia kaha, kia māia, kia manawanui.

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