



# Open Access Policy of TU Braunschweig

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TU Braunschweig supports the demand of science policy for Open Access to scientific knowledge and respects at the same time the freedom of its researchers in their choice of publication channels. TU Braunschweig pursues the goal of making the research results of its scientists as widely accessible to the public as possible in order to promote research, innovation and transfer in science, business and society and therefore encourages its researchers to publish their results in Open Access.

By signing the "Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities"<sup>1</sup> and the "Initiative for the Large-scale Transition to Open Access"<sup>2</sup> TU Braunschweig has committed itself to create framework conditions that promote Open Access publishing.

## Framework conditions

1. TU Braunschweig supports and promotes Open Access by providing advice and training courses, a publication fund to finance publication costs and the operation of an Open Access repository.
2. TU Braunschweig refers to the regulations of the "Guidelines for the Standardized Use of the Name Technische Universität Braunschweig in Publications"<sup>3</sup>, in order to clearly assign publications to TU Braunschweig.
3. TU Braunschweig supports and promotes free access to research data (see "Leitlinien zum Umgang mit Forschungsdaten an der Technischen Universität Braunschweig"<sup>4</sup>, German Only).
4. To implement its Open Access policy, TU Braunschweig nominated the Vice-President for Research and Young Academics as the Open Access Representative. The coordination of all Open Access activities, the provision of central services and further development of related services are delegated to the University Library.

## Recommendations

1. TU Braunschweig recommends its researchers to make use of advisory services of the University Library before submitting an Open Access publication.
2. TU Braunschweig recommends its authors to use free publication licences that promote Open Access distribution (preferably Creative Commons Licence CC BY<sup>5</sup>).
3. The TU Braunschweig recommends its authors not to assign exclusive rights of use when signing publishing contracts and to secure a simple right of use for the possibility of self-archiving.
4. TU Braunschweig urges its researchers to use their right of self-archiving by making their publications accessible in suitable repositories, e.g. the repository of the TU Braunschweig<sup>6</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://openaccess.mpg.de/Berliner-Erklaerung>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.ia2020.org/mission>

<sup>3</sup> <https://doi.org/10.24355/dbbs.084-201911211133-0>

<sup>4</sup> <https://doi.org/10.24355/dbbs.084-201911211552-0>

<sup>5</sup> <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/?lang=en>

<sup>6</sup> <https://publikationsserver.tu-braunschweig.de/content/index.xml?lang=en>

5. TU Braunschweig recommends its researchers to store the research data on which their publications are based in a suitable research data repository.
6. TU Braunschweig asks its members and affiliates to act in accordance with this guideline in their work as reviewers, editors or publishers of publications and, if possible, to give preference to Open Access publication organs. TU Braunschweig explicitly advocates a commitment to non-commercial offerings.

## Further information and contact

- Website (TU Braunschweig):  
<https://www.tu-braunschweig.de/en/forschung/daten/openaccess>
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