

## Complying with the NIH Public Access Policy

<http://www.library.ucla.edu/libraries/11891.cfm>

As of April 7, 2008, compliance with the National Institutes of Health (NIH) public access policy is mandatory. The policy requires that researchers receiving NIH grant money submit copies of their resulting research papers to PubMed Central (PMC) when those papers are accepted for publication in a journal. PMC, the NIH's free digital archive of biomedical and life sciences journal literature, will then make the papers freely available to the public no later than twelve months after publication.

Making research results publicly accessible is important not only to the NIH. It is also an essential element of UCLA's commitment to academic freedom and its mission as a public research university to create and disseminate knowledge for the betterment of society.

This program for UCLA faculty, researchers, and administrators is co-sponsored by the UCLA Library, Academic Senate, Academic Senate Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication, and the Office of Intellectual Property Administration.

### Resources

NIH Public Access Policy: <http://publicaccess.nih.gov/policy.htm>

NIH Public Access Policy: How It Affects UCLA Researchers and How to Comply:

<http://www.library.ucla.edu/libraries/11891.cfm>

UCLA Library Web page with contents to help faculty comply with the policy

NIH Public Access Frequently Asked Questions: <http://publicaccess.nih.gov/FAQ.htm>

NIH Web page with answers to questions about copyright, submission, citing, and more

List of Journals that Submit All NIH-Funded Final Published Articles to PubMed Central:

[http://publicaccess.nih.gov/submit\\_process\\_journals.htm](http://publicaccess.nih.gov/submit_process_journals.htm)

NIH Manuscript Submission System: <http://www.nihms.nih.gov>

NIH Manuscript Submission System Help and FAQs: <http://www.nihms.nih.gov/web-help/index.html>

Methods for Locating PubMed Central IDs:

The PubMed Central reference number (PMCID) for articles covered by the public access policy is required in all documents submitted to the NIH; following are methods to find it:

- Finding PMCIDs in PubMed: [http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/techbull/so08/so08\\_skill\\_kit\\_pmcid.html](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/techbull/so08/so08_skill_kit_pmcid.html)
- PubMed Central Search Option for Embargoed Articles:  
[http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/techbull/so09/so09\\_pmc\\_embargoed\\_articles.html](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/techbull/so09/so09_pmc_embargoed_articles.html)

EndNote and the PMCID: <http://www.endnote.com/support/Faqs/Import/faq15.asp>

EndNote can import PMCIDs. For information on using EndNote, see <<http://guides.library.ucla.edu/endnote>>.

SHERPA/RoMEO: <http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo.php>

Useful tool to see whether a journal or publisher complies with the public access policy; also provides such information about publishers and journals as their self-archiving policies and links to publisher copyright agreement policies

Science Common Author Addendum: <http://scholars.sciencecommons.org>

UCLA Library NIH Email: [nih@library.ucla.edu](mailto:nih@library.ucla.edu)

Send questions to the UCLA Library about the policy and request assistance with compliance