



## University of Massachusetts Amherst Open Access Policy Faculty Survey

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# UMass Open Access Policy Survey

## Survey Flow

**Standard: Consent Block (1 Question)**  
**Standard: Introduction Block (1 Question)**  
**Standard: General OA (3 Questions)**  
**Standard: OA Policy Block (6 Questions)**  
**Standard: Library Services (4 Questions)**  
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## Start of Block: Consent Block

Q1 You are being invited to participate in a study titled "Open Access Policy Analysis". This study is being done by Christine Turner from the University of Massachusetts Amherst Libraries. You were selected to participate in this study because you are a faculty member at UMass Amherst.

Why are we doing this study? This study seeks to discover faculty perspectives on the UMass Open Access Policy.

What will I be asked to do and how much time will it take? If you agree to take part in this study, you will be asked to complete an online survey. This survey will ask about your content selection practices and it will take you approximately 10 minutes to complete.

Will being in this research study help me in any way? The Libraries will use findings from this study to improve OA services. You may not personally directly benefit from this research, however, your participation may help libraries provide Open Access options more effectively.

What are my risks of being in this research study? We believe there are minimal risks associated with this study, however, a risk of breach of confidentiality always exists and we have limited the amount of identifiable information collected to minimize that risk. All findings from the study will be reported only in aggregate.

What happens if I say yes, but I change my mind later? You do not have to be in this study if you do not want to. If you agree to be in the study, but later change your mind, you may discontinue your survey response. There are no penalties or consequences of any kind if you decide that you do not want to participate.

Who can I talk to if I have questions? If you have questions about this project or if you have a research-related problem, you may contact the researcher(s), Christine Turner (cturner@library.umass.edu) or Sarah Fitzgerald (sfitzgerald@umass.edu). If you have any questions concerning your rights as a research subject, you may contact the University of Massachusetts Amherst Human Research Protection Office (HRPO) at (413) 545-3428 or humansubjects@ora.umass.edu.

By clicking "I agree" below you are indicating that you are at least 18 years old, have read this consent form and agree to participate in this research study. You are free to skip any question that you choose.

I agree (1)

I do not agree (2)

*Skip To: End of Survey If You are being invited to participate in a study titled "Open Access Policy Analysis": This study... = I do not agree*

**End of Block: Consent Block**

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**Start of Block: Introduction Block**

Q2

The UMass Amherst Libraries invite affiliated faculty and researchers to participate in a survey regarding the UMass Amherst Open Access Policy (OAP). Under this policy, "each Faculty member grants to the University a nonexclusive, irrevocable, worldwide license to exercise any and all rights under copyright relating to each of his or her scholarly articles, in any medium, provided that the articles are not sold for a profit, and to authorize others to do the same." This applies to articles authored or co-authored while the person was a Faculty member at UMass Amherst, since the policy went into effect. Each faculty will provide an electronic copy of the author's final version, or better, to the Libraries, and the University may make the article available to the public in an open access repository (ScholarWorks). The policy notes that it will be reviewed after 3 years and a report presented to the Faculty Senate. The Libraries were designated by the Provost to administer the policy.

The Libraries are investigating: your attitudes about open access publishing, your awareness and use of the campus Open Access Policy, your awareness of library services that support open access publishing.

This survey should take less than 10 minutes to complete. Results will be used to shape UMass policies and library services. If you have questions about this survey, please contact Christine Turner, Scholarly Communications Librarian at [cturner@umass.edu](mailto:cturner@umass.edu)

**End of Block: Introduction Block**

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**Start of Block: General OA**

Q3 Prior to receiving the survey invitation, did you know about the existence of the UMass Amherst Open Access Policy?

- No (1)
  - Yes (2)
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Q4

To what extent are key journals in your field open access?

- To no extent (1)
  - To little extent (2)
  - To some extent (3)
  - To great extent (4)
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Q5 To what extent are author publishing charges a barrier to making your work Open Access?

- To no extent (1)
- To little extent (2)
- To some extent (3)
- To great extent (4)

**End of Block: General OA**

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**Start of Block: OA Policy Block**

Q6 Have you used the Open Access Policy to share your work since joining UMass or since the Policy went into effect?

- For none of my scholarly articles (1)
  - For some of my scholarly articles (3)
  - For all of my scholarly articles (4)
  - I have not yet published a scholarly article at UMass since the OA Policy took effect (2)
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Q7 How many of your scholarly articles have you uploaded to Scholarworks, the UMass institutional repository?

- None (1)
  - Some (6)
  - All (7)
  - I have not yet published a scholarly article at UMass since the OA Policy took effect (8)
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Q8 What are the barriers to your use of the Open Access Policy to share your work? Check all that apply.

- Time constraints (2)
  - I lack knowledge about the Open Access Policy (3)
  - Participating in open access is not incentivized by the university (4)
  - Another barrier, please describe: (6)
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- I don't experience any barriers (5)
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Q9 What would facilitate your use of the Open Access Policy to share your work in ScholarWorks? Check all that apply.

- Simplified workflow for uploading (2)
  - Assistance with uploading the work (1)
  - Someone to upload on my behalf (3)
  - Automatic publisher deposit (5)
  - Other, please describe: (4)
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Q10 Would an Open Access Policy that explicitly covered the following types of scholarly work be useful to you? Please check all that apply.

- Book chapters (1)
  - Books (2)
  - Code (3)
  - Data (4)
  - Protocols (5)
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Q11

Please rate your level of agreement with the following statement:

The UMass Amherst Open Access Policy is in alignment with my values.

- Strongly disagree (1)
- Somewhat disagree (2)
- Neither agree nor disagree (3)
- Somewhat agree (4)
- Strongly agree (5)

End of Block: OA Policy Block

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Start of Block: Library Services

Q12 Are you aware of the Supporting Open Access Research (SOAR) Fund to reimburse UMass Amherst scholars for author processing charges (APCs) to publish their works in fully open access journals or books?

- No (1)
  - Yes (2)
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Q13 Have you received a SOAR Fund award?

- No (1)
  - Yes (2)
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Q14 Are you aware that UMass Libraries' have agreements with some publishers to reduce or remove the cost of OA publishing?

No (1)

Yes (2)

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Q15 Is there anything you'd like the Libraries to know about the Open Access Policy or library services to support open access publishing?

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End of Block: Library Services

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Start of Block: Demographic Question Block

Q16 Were you employed at UMass in 2016 when the OA Policy was approved by the Faculty Senate?

No (5)

Yes (4)

Q17 What is your gender identity?

- Male (1)
  - Female (2)
  - Non-binary / third gender (3)
  - Prefer not to say (4)
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Q18 What is your age?

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Q19 Are you willing to participate in a focus group about your experience with open access publishing? If so, please provide your email address:

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**End of Block: Demographic Question Block**

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