

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF OPEN ACCESS
FOR CSU FACULTY PUBLICATIONS**

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Note: Open access refers to free, online public access to scholarly and scientific works in open access journals (gold open access) and university repositories (green open access). All CSU campuses have [open access institutional repositories](#). Open access resolutions and policies for faculty are currently in place at more than 200 American universities, including a mandatory (opt-out) policy for the entire UC system, as well as resolutions at a small number of CSU campuses. The resolution below reflects the Council of Library Deans' (COLD) support of both green open access and gold open access.

WHEREAS:

1. Open access publishing and archiving is central to the long-term viability of the dissemination of scholarship; and
2. Freely accessible scholarship benefits the academy and society at large; and
3. Open access increases networking among scholars and the likelihood of CSU faculty research being easily discoverable and cited by others; and
4. Open access increases access to high quality, peer reviewed publications for the CSU academic community, given sharply rising costs for online journals and databases; and
5. Open access fulfills federal grant mandates for research dissemination; and
6. Open access contributes to global information sharing, including for scholars in developing countries who do not have access to expensive databases; and
7. A system-wide open access initiative would provide CSU faculty with leverage to negotiate more favorable copyright terms with publishers; and
8. Open access showcases CSU scholarship and thus enhances the scholarly and scientific reputations of each campus;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Council of Library Deans (COLD) strongly support CSU faculty members in their endeavors to:

1. Publish in journals that are open access or allow open access archiving; and
2. Deposit published journal articles in an open access repository as soon as possible after acceptance for publication; and
3. Acknowledge the value of open access publications in tenure and promotion standards.