

Open Access Readings

Research Councils UK

Note that this is a primarily Gold OA policy.

[RCUK Policy on Open Access and Guidance](#) 

<http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/documents/documents/RCUKOpenAccessPolicy.pdf>

[Frequently Asked Questions](#) .

<http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/documents/documents/OpenaccessFAQs.pdf>

EPrints Open Access

Self-Archiving FAQ: <http://www.eprints.org/openaccess/self-faq/>

Pay particular attention to the 38 common concerns about Green OA.

Background Readings

1. Harnad, S (2012) [The Optimal and Inevitable outcome for Research in the Online Age](#). CILIP Update September 2012
2. Houghton, J. & Swan, A. (2013) [Planting the Green Seeds for a Golden Harvest: Comments and Clarifications on "Going for Gold"](#) *D-Lib Magazine* 19: 1/2
3. Harnad, S. (2012) [United Kingdom's Open Access Policy Urgently Needs a Tweak](#). *D-Lib Magazine* 18: 9/10

And dip into the last few months of postings on <http://openaccess.eprints.org>

Task

Considering the relative importance of the publishing industry and the research sector, and taking into account current revenue versus the promise of future innovation, does the RCUK policy provide a suitable balance between the interests of publishers and researchers?