

Lisa Nichols
Assistant Director for Academic Engagement
Office of Science and Technology Policy

March 16, 2020

Dear Dr. Nichols:

Re: [Request for Information: Public Access to Peer-Reviewed Scholarly Publications, Data and Code Resulting From Federally Funded Research](#)

The UC Davis Library promotes broad public access to the scholarly work of the campus community, and encourages UC Davis authors to participate in the wider dissemination, higher visibility, and accelerated discovery of knowledge that Open Access publishing offers.

In alignment with the University of California's [2013 Academic Senate Open Access Policy](#) and the [2015 Presidential Open Access Policy](#) the UC Davis Library leads and directs Open Access initiatives in partnership with faculty, students and staff on campus as well as with partners in the University of California system, and on the national and international level.

UC Davis Library strongly supports a zero-embargo policy for peer-reviewed author accepted manuscripts from federally funded scientific research and affirms that such a policy represents a step forward, in line with its mission to serve society and to provide long-term benefits through the transmission of research and knowledge. Eliminating the waiting period (most commonly 12 month) would allow researchers and the public to access taxpayer-funded research, including data, articles and computer codes immediately upon publication. To paywall or delay publications slows down innovation and the creation of new knowledge that in many fields (e.g. health sciences, agriculture, engineering) immediately benefits all citizens.

UC Davis Library is committed to supporting scholarly societies in the transition to open access publishing models and is aware of the challenges this transition creates. In collaboration with scholarly societies UC Davis Library, individually and together with other UC libraries, is working on initiatives and agreements to establish new Open Access business models. A zero-embargo

requirement for publications, data or code from federally funded research will provide further incentives for scholarly societies to engage.

The immediate availability of research funded and published with federal support is fundamental to fulfilling the full potential of public investment in science. It will make information and data more readily accessible to students, clinicians, businesses, entrepreneurs, researchers, technologists, and the general public who support these investments as a means to accelerate knowledge and innovation.

We thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

Michael Ladisch

Scholarly Communications Officer

University of California Davis, Library

100 North West Quad

Davis, CA 95616-5292