

University of Leeds report to RCUK on open access activities 2016-2017

RCUK reporting

Leeds has used the RCUK 2016-17 block grant to pay for 245 papers to be made OA. A further 27 RCUK papers have been paid for from prepayment accounts purchased in previous years and through publishers' offset deals, making a total of 272.

Other RCUK funded papers with Leeds authors have been made gold OA during the period but these have not been funded by the Leeds block grant. Data is not available to enable reporting on whether these papers were paid for by the University of Leeds or by other institutions.

We know which RCUK publications we pay for from the block grant but tracking other Leeds publications (green and gold) is still very difficult. We have no way of knowing whether we have identified everything, hence we have completed box B on the reporting template, based on the data we have been able to find

We struggled to complete column B and D of the Discounts, memberships and pre-payments tab in a meaningful way as the terms and timing of each deal are different. For example we have separated out the information for the 2016 Springer Compact deal from that which relates to the 2017 agreement. The figures shown in B4 and B5 are the price of the Compact for each calendar year. The figure in D4 is the amount charged to RCUK for papers published from April-Dec 2016. D5 covers APCs charged to RCUK from Jan-March 2017. The 2017 APCs have been charged at a higher rate as we don't yet know how many RCUK APCs will be published during in 2017. The unit price will be re-adjusted in the next submission when more information will be available.

No costs were incurred during the reporting period in relation to the Sage and Taylor and Francis pre-payment accounts as the money in these accounts came from BIS funding in 2012-2013.

University support for OA

White Rose University Press, a joint OA publishing initiative with the Universities of York and Sheffield, launched its first catalogue in January 2017 and the first 2 Leeds works have been published. *Oysters, Nightingales and Cooking Pots - selected poetry and prose of Tristan Corbière* and *The Undergraduate Journal of Politics and International Relations*.

In addition to the posts funded by the RCUK block grant the University continues to fund 4.5 FTE Grade 4 posts, 1 FTE grade 6, 1 FTE grade 7 and 0.6 FTE of a grade 8 post to support open access.

The Library continues to work with JISC on the development of JISC Monitor, testing and evaluating the product. We had hoped to start using it this year to manage APC compliance but issues to do with reporting functionality have delayed this.

We have implemented Symplectic's OA Monitor module which makes the checking of REF compliance quicker and easier and we continue to work with Symplectic to refine the product. Symplectic's OA Monitor is also a useful tool for prompting authors to deposit their outputs in Symplectic.

To improve the level of OA deposits into the institutional repository the Library now use alerting services and actively search for Leeds publications to add to White Rose Research Online

We are in the process of rewriting the OA section of our Library website to make the information easier to use.

We have an ongoing advocacy programme to make authors aware of OA and of institutional and funder policies. As part of this we delivered a programme of workshops and other events aimed at postgraduate researchers and staff during OA week in October.

130 datasets had been deposited in Research Data Leeds by 31st March 2017, with a further 50 in various stages of preparation.

We continue to actively promote ORCID registration and use. As of 31st January 2017 1458 Leeds researchers (approximately 75% of academic staff) had registered for an ORCID and used it within an institutional system.

As previously reported, the institution is considering implementation of the UKSCL and are liaising with early adopters to monitor developments.

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