

Purchase College Open Access Policy

Commitment

The faculty, students, and staff of Purchase College, SUNY are committed to sharing our research and scholarship as widely as possible. We recognize the benefits that result from this sharing such as visibility in online search engines, journal websites, and online repositories. Purchase College scholars/creators are strongly encouraged to publish in open access journals or those that allow for open access to published work. By adopting this policy and practice, our College seeks to a) meet federal requirements that the results of all federally funded research be available to the public, b) improve access to the research and scholarly works of Purchase College scholars/creators, c) respect and maintain the intellectual property rights of scholars/creators of these works, and d) comply with the [SUNY Board of Trustees \(BOT\) Campus Open Access Policies Memo](#) distributed in 2018.

In keeping with that commitment, we adopt the following policy:

Institutional Repository

To assist Purchase College in archiving and disseminating scholarly works, scholars/creators are expected to help the College obtain copies or representations of their scholarly works. Specifically, each individual will provide a digitized copy of the final version of the scholarly work by the date of its publication for inclusion in the open access institutional repository. If, due to the research scope, copyright, or other considerations, a scholar/creator is prevented from providing open access to a scholarly work, an open access waiver can be granted or an embargo period put in place. Each scholarly work will be submitted to the institutional repository regardless of waiver or embargo status.

Ownership and copyright

Each scholar/creator retains, in accordance with the [SUNY copyright policy](#), ownership and copyright of their work and grants to Purchase College a non-exclusive license (limited to the purpose of making the work openly available and authorizing others to do the same) to works, in any medium, provided that the works are not sold for a profit.

At the time of deposit in the repository, all scholars/creators may choose the terms of use that will be applied to each scholarly work—for example, whether it can be subject to commercial or non-commercial reuse. Creative Commons licenses are recommended. Guidance will be provided to scholars/creators to facilitate their informed selection of the appropriate license for a work.

Scope

This policy applies to scholarly works authored or created by faculty, students, and staff at Purchase College. Scholarly works include published written works produced without expectation of payment. This policy applies only to scholarly works produced after the adoption of this policy and while the scholar/creator is employed by or a student at Purchase College. Works for which the scholar/creator has entered into an incompatible licensing agreement are eligible for a waiver.

Future

Review of this policy will occur within three years of adoption with a report presented to the Purchase College governance bodies and administration that includes a timeframe for subsequent review and recommended revisions to the policy.

Resources

The Purchase College Open Access Policy is adapted from Open Access policies at other SUNY institutions, with guidance from the [Harvard Open Access Project](#), the [MIT Faculty Open Access Policy](#), and the [Budapest Open Access Initiative](#).