

On 29 February, ET&C and IEAM updated the Copyright Transfer Agreement to reflect a new policy relating to authors' rights to self-archive articles in institutional or subject repositories.

The previous policy allowed authors to self-archive the submitted version of their article, either immediately or after acceptance. In recent years, an increasing number of mandates from research funders and institutions have required authors to deposit the accepted version of their article, and in response to this demand, special archiving agreements with key funders and institutions (e.g., Research Councils UK, National Institute of Health, California Digital Library) were implemented. On the advice of our publisher, Wiley-Blackwell, we reviewed and adjusted the standard self-archiving policy.

Both SETAC journals now allow authors to deposit the accepted version of their article in personal, subject, or institutional repositories 12 months after online publication, regardless of funding source or institution.

The revised policy has the following advantages:

- It increases clarity for authors, and eliminates the need to request an exception in cases where mandates and journal policy are not aligned;
- It supports authors in achieving compliance with mandates, and allows for the fact that authors frequently change institutions;
- Green Open Access, facilitated via self-archiving in institutional or subject repositories, is sustainable with an appropriate embargo period, and we believe that our policy safeguards the subscription base of the journals we publish.

The terms of the new policy, which is in effect as of 1 January 2014, are as follows:

- i) Authors may self-archive the peer-reviewed (but not final) version of their paper on their own personal website, in their company/institutional repository or archive, and in not for profit subject-based repositories. Any self-archiving must be done after the relevant embargo period by the author, or by their institutional librarian.
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