

# Goldsmiths Statement on Open Access

## Our commitment

- Goldsmiths is strongly committed to the principles of open research, involving responsible and ethical sharing of publications, data and other forms of research output for the greater public good
- As recipients of public funding we recognize our obligation to make our research widely available, but we go further in advocating the power of open access (OA) to lower barriers to academic inquiry across the world
- We view this commitment as a strategic priority, and will seek to develop and invest in initiatives in pursuit of these goals, as well as to influence policy and practices nationally and internationally
- With our wide range of research across the arts, humanities and social sciences (AHSS), psychology and computing, together with our commitment to interdisciplinarity, we aim to position ourselves as leaders in the development of new publishing modes, online resources and open data analysis tools that reflect Goldsmiths' intellectual and creative values
- We will support open research with appropriate investment and active profile-raising so as to combat exploitative alternatives: enhancing our research repositories (Goldsmiths Research Online GRO; Goldsmiths Data Online GDO) and developing innovative initiatives such as Goldsmiths Journals Online and the Goldsmiths Press
- We will advance these principles and actions in collaboration with like-minded groups and institutions, as a distinctive and influential voice in an international context; and we will offer a positive AHSS perspective wherever possible to help inform OA debates where such a perspective is absent
- We will encourage staff and students to engage with these aspirations by facilitating debate and offering appropriate training and documentation mechanisms
- We will ensure that Goldsmiths and its researchers are compliant with the requirements of funding bodies and research assessments, and will feed back on Goldsmiths OA initiatives as appropriate

## The benefits of Open Access for Goldsmiths

**For the researcher:** Provides worldwide visibility and impact, both academically and more widely; offers immediate availability via search engines; opens up new ways to curate research processes and practice; facilitates internal collaboration and dialogue; increases opportunities for external partnerships and grants; maintains a portfolio of achievement

**For students and alumni:** Offers easy access to our latest research outputs and methodologies

**For Goldsmiths:** Raises our academic research profile as well as impact on society, industry and government; enables statistical analysis and enhances preparation for the REF; encourages student applications and provides a valuable teaching resource

## The Scope

- We will nurture a shared awareness of the diverse challenges in achieving credible and sustainable open access across all our disciplines, given limited resources
- We recognise that researchers at all career stages should be free to disseminate their research in forms of their choice, whether in journals and conference proceedings, in monographs, multi-author volumes and scholarly editions, or in myriad forms of practice; and will provide researchers with the information needed to make the most informed choice
- We will develop GRO and other online facilities in response to this diversity, extending our capacity for accessing new forms of knowledge creation and curation, for example around the processes of practice research
- We will engage with other research repositories in sharing approaches to open research and in advocating the principles outlined above

## Green and Gold

- Goldsmiths currently favours open access by means of the Green Route, which enables researchers to publish in any journal and to self-archive the final author accepted manuscript version in GRO for free public use (subject to any publisher's embargo)
- Through Goldsmiths Press, we will pioneer Green open access monograph publishing
- In line with many other universities, we do not advocate the Gold Route (immediate access via a publisher's website) where this involves article processing charges (APCs), believing that on ethical and academic grounds this is an unsustainable model; however, payments for APCs will be made in accordance with funders' policies, if specified funding is available
- We will use grant income appropriately and responsibly to support alternative forms of open access

## Our research community is committed...

- To deposit journal articles and conference proceedings in GRO upon acceptance (either the final author accepted manuscript or the published version), to be made publicly available as copyright allows
- To make other research outputs and data available in GRO/GDO in an open access form
- Where it is not possible to deposit the complete publication or data-set, to create a record in GRO/GDO with a link to an externally held version
- To use GRO/GDO as a resource for the dissemination of a wide variety of research materials, and to propose new ways in which these might further Goldsmiths' vision of open access

## Goldsmiths is committed...

- To provide face-to-face and online training and support for all researchers, including early career researchers and postgraduate research students
- To take responsibility for ensuring that outputs are made available on GRO/GDO in accordance with copyright law and external requirements

Together we share a determination to develop innovative thinking and new online resources that reflect Goldsmiths' ethical values and distinctive mix of disciplines.

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