

Open Access Policy — Osaka Prefecture University Public Corporation

Approved by the Research Integrity Committee on November 15, 2016.

1 Purpose: The Osaka Prefecture University Public Corporation (hereafter, “the Corporation”) adopts this policy to assure open access through the internet to published research products of the Corporation, in conformance with the Code of Conduct for Research Integrity approved by the Corporation. The purpose of the policy is to ensure public access to research results in ways that facilitate public verification, to maintain the highest standards of academic research based on integrity, and to contribute to academic advancement.

2 Responsibility: The Corporation shall take responsibility for facilitating access to the results of research conducted by its faculty and staff.

3 Means: Research products shall be made publicly available through the Osaka Prefecture University Education and Research Archives (hereafter, the “Repository”) or through other means that the author chooses.

4 Deposit of Electronic Data: In the case that a research product is to be made available through the Repository, the author will deposit an electronic copy of the author’s final version, or any other appropriate version of the product, which the Corporation is to receive in the Repository no later than the date of its publication at no charge to the Corporation. The copyright is not transferred to the Corporation.

5 Exemption and Exclusion: The Corporation exempts research products upon the author’s request for reasons of incompatibility of the products with the policy, and may exclude research products from the Repository when they are inconsistent with the Code of Conduct for Research Integrity, or are otherwise deemed inappropriate.

6 Non-retroactivity: The policy does not apply to research products that were published before the adoption of this policy or for which the author entered into an incompatible licensing agreement before the adoption of this policy.

7 Review: The Corporation shall oversee enforcement of the policy and review the appropriateness of the open access provided through the policy.

8 Other: Open access issues unstated in this policy will be addressed elsewhere when necessary.

Additional clause:

This policy takes effect on April 1, 2017.