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## OPEN ACCESS (OA)

*Open Access is an important tool that allows you to make your scholarly publications more visible and accessible online*

Open Access is about free and direct access to scholarly information. Open Access to a publication means that it is freely accessible on the web.

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Aarhus University recommends that all its researchers make their publications available via Open Access. Aarhus University has opted for Green Open Access.

This model does not influence the peer review process in any way and does not preclude publication in a journal. What is new is that concurrently with publication, access is ensured to either a preprint or postprint version of the article. Open Access is therefore a supplement to traditional publication in journals and books.

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# WHY MAKE YOUR PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE AS OPEN ACCESS?

## THE ADVANTAGES OF PROVIDING FULL-TEXT ACCESS TO YOUR RESEARCH ARE MANY

- Your publications can be read sooner as the traditional publication process often takes a long time.
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- Your personal website will be updated when you register your publications, with links being provided from the registrations to full-text versions.
- You contribute to an attractive research environment.

## INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS OF OPEN ACCESS

Internationally, foundations and research councils are increasingly recommending that research findings be made available via Open Access or even make funding conditional upon Open Access publication. For example, the European Research Council recommends that research funded by the EU be made available via Open Access.



PROFESSOR  
**CARSTEN TANGGAARD**  
SAYS

*“Open Access is an important instrument in the democratisation of access to knowledge. Universities are funded by society, and we should be paying society back by making our research publicly available. Open Access is also important because it counteracts the trend towards the monopolisation and commercialisation of knowledge.”*

*Open Access gives access to research results prior to journal publication. This is particularly important within the social sciences, where the process from the first version of an article until final publication can be very long – often taking years.”*



PROFESSOR  
**JENS CHRISTIAN DJURHUUS, DR.MED.,**  
SAYS

*“As head of the Institute of Clinical Medicine, I must recommend the Open Access initiative. It should, of course, be balanced with a desire to continue to use the usual publication channels.*

*However, a lot of scholarly work is produced and never published. Pregraduate research student theses and PhD theses have a difficult time of it in the conventional publication system. In so far as it does not prevent the publication of*

*original works, making these theses much more widely available to the research community is thus of tremendous importance. Moreover, they may pave the way for far more up-to-date teaching than any activities based solely on textbooks.*

*I am therefore fully in favour of Aarhus University’s initiative.”*



## AARHUS UNIVERSITY SUPPORTS OPEN ACCESS

Aarhus University recommends that “the university’s research scientists and scholars ensure free accessibility to scholarly publications. The university therefore supports the Open Access initiative, which will both lead to more effective use of the university’s many scholarly publications and also strengthen the university’s international position and impact.”

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In other cases, special agreements can be made with the publishers. Remember that unless otherwise agreed, you as the author hold the copyright to your work.

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