

## Open Access Policy

Our aim is that by 2050, no one will die from breast cancer. We will do this by finding ways to prevent the disease, improving early diagnosis and developing new treatments for all types of breast cancer. We believe this can be achieved faster by making our research open and freely available to everyone.

From 1 April 2015 Breast Cancer Now:

- Requires electronic copies of any research articles that have been accepted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal, and that acknowledge our funding in whole or part, to be made available through Europe PubMed Central (Europe PMC) as soon as possible and no later than 6 months after publication.
- Encourage Breast Cancer Now funded researchers to select publishing routes that ensure the work is available immediately on publication in its final published form, wherever such options exist for their journal of choice and are compliant with our policy\*.
- Encourage - and where an open access article processing charge is paid to the publisher, require - authors and publishers to licence research papers using the Creative Commons Attribution licence (CC-BY)\*\*, so they may be freely copied and reused (for example, for text- and data-mining purposes), providing that appropriate credit is given to the original authors.
- Encourage researchers we fund to maximise the opportunities to make all their results accessible and available for free. This includes taking advantage of online open publishing platforms and repositories, and ensuring dissemination of negative or confirmatory results.

Breast Cancer Now is working in partnership with a number of medical research charities to provide funds for Open Access, by forming the Charity Open Access Fund (COAF). This fund will enable a greater number of Breast Cancer Now's supported publications to be made immediately available at the point of publication.

As a result of the COAF, Breast Cancer Now has various funding options to support the payment of APC's:

For Project, Pilot, Fellowship and PhD grant holders:

1. Researchers based at one of the 36 UK institutions listed [here](#) can apply to their host institutions to access this fund.
2. Researchers that are not based at an institution which receives support from the COAF, may [contact](#) Breast Cancer Now directly to organise payment of APC's.

For Centre, Unit or Programme grant holders:

3. Publication costs should be met within current grant funding.

Alternatively, authors can comply with our policy by self-archiving their publication in Europe PMC within 6 months, if the publisher permits\*.

For further information about this policy, please contact [Grants\\_Admin@breastcancernow.org](mailto:Grants_Admin@breastcancernow.org)

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\*Researchers can determine which journals are compliant with this policy by referring to the [RoMEO database](#).

\*\*This requirement applies only to original research papers submitted for publication from 1 April 2015, where Breast Cancer Now funds have been used to meet an article processing charge.