

Crick Open Access Policy

1. Crick commitment to Open Access

- 1.1 The Crick is committed to immediate, unrestricted access to the published outputs of research through open access. As an organisation in receipt of considerable public and charitable funds, the Crick has a responsibility to ensure that its research contributes to public good outcomes, including the advancement of knowledge and the promotion of scientific discourse. The Crick strategy 'Discovery Without Boundaries' also seeks to ensure that the institute's experimental data are transparent, reproducible and openly available. The Crick considers that these outcomes are best facilitated if the published outputs of research are openly and immediately available.
- 1.2 The choice of which journal to publish research results in is a decision for the individual researcher. When assessing research quality the Crick considers that it is the quality of the research, and not where an author has published, that is of paramount importance.
- 1.3 The Crick's position on open access is consistent with the open access policies of the six Crick Founders. The Crick supports broader efforts to promote open access to published research at a national and international level.

2. The Crick Open Access policy

- 2.1 The Crick expects authors of all peer-reviewed research papers and review articles to maximise the opportunities to make their work available for free, using the Creative Commons Attribution licence (CC-BY).
- 2.2 The Crick requires researchers to select publishing routes that ensure all peer-reviewed research articles (including review articles not commissioned by publishers) published in academic journals or conference proceedings are openly available immediately on publication in the final published form, wherever such options exist for their journal of choice and are compliant with this policy. The Crick requires electronic copies of such papers to be made available through Europe PubMedCentral as soon as possible and no later than six months after publication. Authors should also make data associated with publications openly available, consistent with the Crick's Scientific Research Data Management high level policy.
- 2.3 Where the research is covered by external grant funding the Crick expects that authors should budget for article processing charges (APCs) as part of the grant. Where grant funding is unavailable the Crick has the ability to cover APCs as part of its core budget.
- 2.4 Where an article processing charge is paid, the Crick requires that the publisher must:
 - 2.4.1 Deposit, on behalf of the author, the final published version of the article - which includes all the changes that arise from the peer-review, copy-editing and proofing processes - in PubMed Central (PMC), where it must be made freely available at the time of publication.

- 2.4.2 Licence such works using the Creative Commons Attribution licence (CC-BY) and include this information as a machine-readable licence (following the NISO guidelines) in the version deposited at PMC.
- 2.4.3 Provide, via its own website, immediate and unrestricted access to the final published version of the paper.
- 2.5 With regard to other types of publications:
- 2.5.1 The Crick encourages authors of **peer-reviewed review articles commissioned by publishers** to ensure that they be made available through Europe PubMedCentral as soon as possible and no later than six months after publication.
- 2.5.2 The Crick encourages **scholarly monographs and book chapters** that arise as part of Crick research to be made open access through PMC Bookshelf and Europe PubMedCentral as soon as possible and with a maximum embargo of six months.
- 2.5.3 **Other scholarly and educational materials** produced by the Crick in a variety of formats should be made openly available, using CC-BY as far as possible.
- 2.6 In addition the Crick requires that any other open access requirements of specific research grants must be complied with. For example, this includes HEFCE requirements for REF submissions.
- 2.7 The policy does not apply to PhD theses authored by Crick students, however it is expected that such works will be made freely available from the EThOS or University repository as soon as possible.
- 2.8 The Crick requires all research outputs to acknowledge funding source(s) and grant or programme number(s), consistent with the Crick's authorship and acknowledgements policy.
- 2.9 Crick authors are individually responsible for ensuring that their publications comply with the Crick policy on open access. As non-compliance with funders' policies will have financial consequences for the institute, compliance with this policy will be closely monitored.