

Awardee Frequently Asked Questions: Public Access

Part of my grant agreement with the Parkinson's Foundation requires me to deposit my paper in PubMed Central. How do I do this?

Detailed instructions are contained in the Awardee Compliance Guide, available on the Parkinson's Foundation website. Many publications will automatically deposit articles in PubMed Central. For a list of such publications, see <http://www.healthra.org/resources.publicaccess.html>. If the journal in which you plan to publish your article does not appear on this list, you must reserve the rights to make your article available in PubMed Central within 12 months of its publication date, and then deposit the accepted manuscript via the [NIH Manuscript Submission System](#). Most journal publishers are accustomed to similar requirements of other funders. For an introduction to copyright for authors, see <http://www.arl.org/sparc/author/copyrightintro.shtml> as well as the SPARC/Science Commons Author Addendum at this link:

<http://www.arl.org/sparc/author/addendum.shtml>

Depositing my manuscript sounds like a hassle. Why do I have to do this?

First, the hassle is minimal. Even if the journal in which you are publishing is not among those that may handle your PubMed Central deposit on your behalf, direct submission via the [NIH Manuscript Submission system](#) usually takes less than 10 minutes. Please note that you must log into the NIH Manuscript Submission system using your Gmail account in order to bring up your grant numbers from HRA member organizations, to which your manuscript should be linked. The inconvenience of depositing manuscripts to PubMed Central is minimal compared to the benefits. The Parkinson's Foundation public access policy will increase exposure to your article, encourage follow-on research (and citations), and make your work available to practitioners, educators, and the general populace worldwide. This will help advance understanding and accelerate further research. For a link to a list of journals that automatically deposit all articles to PubMed Central, see

<http://www.healthra.org/resources.publicaccess.html>.

What do I do if the publisher refuses to accept modification of its standard author agreement?

You should not sign any publication agreement related to articles or other publications resulting from the research funded by the Parkinson's Foundation unless you are certain that the agreement complies with this policy. The same advice applies to electronic click-through agreements that may be part of the journal's manuscript submission system. In the unlikely event the publisher balks at accepting a modification of its standard agreement, you should reiterate the conditions of your funding and remind them that the requirement is similar to that of the National Institutes of Health, Howard Hughes Medical

Institute, and other funders. There is no evidence of financial or other material harm to publishers as a result of embargoed free public access to research articles. Authors should work with the publisher before any rights are transferred, to ensure that all conditions of the Parkinson's Foundation public access policy can be met.

My paper is based on research only partially funded by the Parkinson's Foundation. Does the access policy still apply?

Yes, the access policy applies to any manuscript that arises from any amount of direct funding from the Parkinson's Foundation.

What is the difference between a final peer-reviewed manuscript and final published article? Which version of my paper should I submit?

The final peer-reviewed manuscript before final formatting and typesetting is sometimes called a postprint. The postprint version is similar but not identical to the final published version of the article, which is the authoritative copy. The Parkinson's Foundation public access policy requires grant recipients to submit the postprint (the final, peer-reviewed manuscript that includes all modifications from the publishing and peer review process) to PubMed Central.

I plan to publish in an Open Access journal. Do I still need to submit my paper to PubMed Central?

Yes, unless the journal has an agreement to deposit its papers in PubMed Central (see <http://www.healthra.org/resources/publicaccess.html> for a link to an updated list of these journals). Not all Open Access journals have agreements with PubMed Central.

My article is listed in PubMed. Why do I need to deposit it in PubMed Central?

PubMed is a citation database, while PubMed Central is a free digital database of full-text scientific literature in the biomedical and life sciences. The Parkinson's Foundation policy requires that the full text of publications resulting from your award be made available in PubMed Central as a condition of your grant. The only way to comply with that requirement is to reserve the necessary rights under copyright and to deposit the publication as outlined in the instructions provided by the Parkinson's Foundation in the Awardee Compliance Guide.

How do I demonstrate compliance to the Parkinson's Foundation Public Access Policy?

First, you should acknowledge the support provided by the Parkinson's Foundation by including the Foundation's name and the grant number that appears in your Notice of Award (PF-XXX-XXXX) in every article arising from such funding. Please provide the final Publication Agreement as part of routine

progress reporting, as well as the PMC ID to locate your article on PubMed Central. You can also demonstrate compliance with the Parkinson's Foundation public access policy by providing the Foundation – at the earliest possible convenience – with the PubMed Central (PMC) reference number (e.g., PMC234567) for each paper that falls under the policy. If the PubMed Central reference number (PMCID) is not available because the paper has not been posted to PubMed Central yet, you can use the NIH Manuscript Submission reference number (e.g., NIHMS97531).

Why do I need to have a Gmail account? Why can't I just use my eRA Commons login?

Gmail (Google) and NIH's grant management system use a shared authentication technology. Logging in with your Gmail account helps HRA and NIH assure that grants are linked to the correct researcher. If you do not have a Gmail account, it is easy to create one at <https://accounts.google.com/SignUp?service=mail>.

What if I can't find my grant when I log into the NIH Manuscript Submission System?

In order to find your grants listed when you log into PubMed Central, you must have already logged into gHRAsp and linked your grants to your researcher profile. These grants will be available in PubMed Central within 24 hours of saving to your profile. If you have linked your grants to your researcher profile in gHRAsp and at least 24 hours have elapsed, please email support@ghrasp.org.

Is there a time delay between when I add a grant to my gHRAsp profile and when it's available in the NIH Manuscript Submission System?

Yes – data from gHRAsp is transmitted to the National Library of Medicine each weeknight. Please allow 24 hours for your linked grants to be available in PubMed Central.

Will the details of my grant be shared?

The only information from HRA/gHRAsp that will be transmitted to PubMed Central is the following: Your name, your email, the name of your funder (the Parkinson's Foundation), your project title, and your unique grant ID number.