

Tri-Agency Open Access Policy on Publications (2026)

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Open Science

Open Science supports...



Responsible and ethical sharing and management of research results



Increased reach and uptake of results beyond academia



Responsible use of public funds, increased public trust and engagement



High-quality research assessment

= increased potential for innovative, reliable, inclusive and **impactful results**

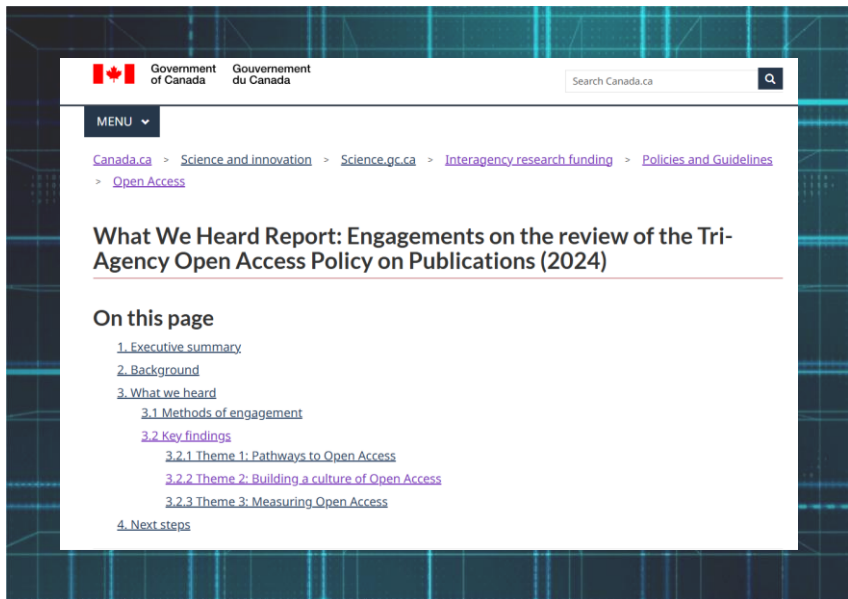
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Improve access to the results of agency-funded research and increases the dissemination and exchange of research results

- The goal of the Policy review was **immediate open access**
- Extensive input received from a wide range of partners and across the research community
- Revised Policy released Oct. 5, 2026, transition period before requirements in effect (for grants and Chair awards awarded as of Jan. 1, 2027)
- Revised Policy aligns with other Canadian and international funders' open access policies
- CRKN a key partner; tri-agency Presidents are members of the [Stakeholder Alignment Group](#) and signed [Statement Of Support](#)



Policy Review: Consultations



Summaries of feedback received from key engagements publicly available on science.gc.ca

July-September 2023: Initial online survey (1,400+ responses)

July 2023-July 2025: Ongoing engagements with research community and partners

February-March 2024: Nine invitation-only sessions (111 participants)

February 2025: Draft revised Policy text released online for comment (over 200 responses)

April-May 2026: Discussions with key partners

Key Requirements of 2026 OA Policy

- **Acknowledge agency contributions** in peer-reviewed research articles (include funder name, FRN or Application Number, PIDs)
- **Inform the publisher of author obligations** (rights retention, immediate OA)
- **Retain author rights and apply an open license**
- **Ensure immediate and free OA** by **depositing article (AM or VoR) in a Canadian institutional repository** or **make available through a trusted Canadian platform**
- **Institutional OA Strategies**

2026 OA Policy and Supports

- **Tri-Agency Open Access Policy on Publications (2026)**
 - Government of Canada [News Release](#) (October 5, 2026)
 - Policy Effective Date - January 1, 2027 (transition period before requirements come into effect)
- **Guidance and Frequently Asked Questions**
- **Tri-Agency Statement: Strengthening Open Access to Canadian Research Publications**
- **Letter to Publishers**

What can you do?

- 1 **Learn more about and promote the *Tri-Agency OA Policy on Publications (2026)***
- 2 **Understand program-specific open science requirements and eligible expenses**
- 3 **Encourage agency-funded researchers to:**
 - **Acknowledge the funder** when publishing and sharing research results (include FRN or Application Number, PIDs)
 - **Ensure authors' rights retention and immediate open access** for articles
 - **Remember that CIHR-funded clinical trials have unique requirements** around registration of trials and the public disclosure of results

Next Steps

- **Develop resources to support the Institutional Strategy requirement** (e.g., templates, guidance)
- **Ongoing awareness-building** (presentations, etc.) **and listening to feedback** from the research community and partners
- **Monitoring and annual reporting** in aggregate on Canadian-authored, peer-reviewed scholarly OA articles; and on agency-funded, peer-reviewed scholarly OA articles.
- **Publication-related data** - research data management requirements (including **data retention, deposit and sharing**) may be found in the [Tri-Agency Research Data Management Policy](#) (more details in early 2027)

Thank you! Questions?

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