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What is Open Access?

Open Access means the unrestricted and free access to scientific publications for anyone in the world using an internet connection.

In June 2015 a BOKU Open Access strategy was signed by the rectorate. BOKU is a signatory of the Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities. Therefore the University recommends their researchers to publish their scientific output in Open Access journals or Open Access repositories.

Benefits of Open Access

- **Worldwide immediate and free access** to scholarly publications and higher citation rates
- **Increased visibility** of the scientific output of researchers at the BOKU
- Authors retain their **exploitation rights**
- Facilitated **scientific knowledge exchange**
- **Free-of-charge** access to scholarly information for the **interested public**

Open Access Publishing

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The **Gold Road to Open Access** refers to the publication of scientific articles in peer-reviewed, high quality Open Access journals (List of Open Access journals <http://www.doaj.org>).

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