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Furthermore, under the national "Basic Policy for Achieving Immediate Open Access to Academic Papers," immediate open access to research outcomes funded by grants such as the Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research will become mandatory for new applications from fiscal year 2025.

### What is "Open Access" ?

- It means to make academic information such as papers available to anyone for free via the internet. Here are the benefits for researchers.
- • More people can read research results.
- • It can increase chances for their papers to be quoted.
- • By sharing research results, it can contribute to society.

## Scope of Mandatory Immediate Open Access (OA)

Mandatory immediate OA for academic papers and supporting data in certain competitive research funding programs starting with new applications in FY2025

### ▼ Eligible programs

Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)

Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research

Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST)

Strategic Basic Research Program

Note: Excluding some programs

Emergent Research Support Program

Japan Agency for Medical Research and Development (AMED)

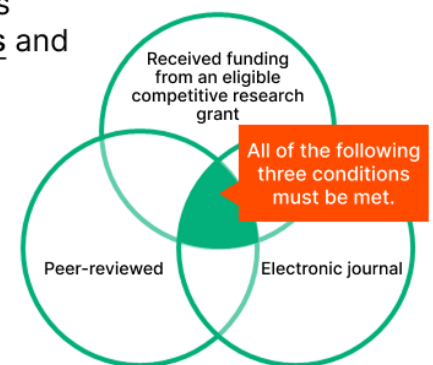
Strategic Basic Research Program

(Innovative Frontier Research Development Support Program)

### ▼ Eligible papers and data

Peer-reviewed research papers published in electronic journals and their supporting data

- Supporting data required for publication according to journal submission guidelines, publication policies, etc.
- Data that is not intended for public release is excluded



Immediate deposit into institutional repositories or other information platforms is mandatory

The Kyushu University Academic Information Repository (QIR) enables researchers to register and publish their research outputs, such as academic papers, free of charge, with support from the library.

Research outputs registered with QIR become searchable via literature databases such as CiNii Research and search engines like Google, thereby facilitating their utilisation and citation. Research outputs published within the university can be assigned a DOI (Digital Object Identifier) to ensure permanent access.

Website of the University Library > Kyudai Collection > Repository (QIR)

[https://catalog.lib.kyushu-u.ac.jp/opac\\_browse/papers/?lang=1](https://catalog.lib.kyushu-u.ac.jp/opac_browse/papers/?lang=1)

[People who may register]

- Staff or graduate students who are, or have in the past been, members of the University

[Materials that may be registered]

- Academic journal articles, dissertations, bulletin articles, conference papers, technical reports, research reports, software, research data, and supporting data for papers, etc.

[Registration method]

Please register and submit your research output (in the case of papers submitted to journals, the author's final draft) using one of the following methods:

- 1. Registering from your Library account  
Website of the University Library > Log in > Repository registration (QIR)  
<https://www.lib.kyushu-u.ac.jp/ja/activities>
- 2. Requesting registration to the Library  
Send the material you wish to register to the Digital Repository Section of the University Library

By email Attach an electronic file

To: [qir\\_jimu.kyushu-u.ac.jp](mailto:qir_jimu.kyushu-u.ac.jp)

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Research outputs registered via Q-RADeRS will also be linked from the "[Kyushu University Researcher Information](#)".

#### Accepted Manuscript (AM) refers to:

This refers to the version of the paper prior to typesetting and proofreading (layout adjustments, pagination, checking for typos and omissions, etc.) by the publisher, at the stage where it has been accepted by the publisher following peer review. Many publishers permit publication in institutional repositories after a certain period (embargo), which helps disseminate research findings.

Research data can also be published via QIR.

Organizing and publishing research data in a format that is easy for others to use encourages reuse by researchers and general users, advancing research and contributing to society. QIR allows you to publish research data and software in various formats.

QIR can also be effectively utilized for the publication of supporting data for papers required under the immediate open access mandate. Linking and relating papers and supporting data increases the reliability and transparency of research. Furthermore, research data published via QIR can be assigned a DOI and cited in paper submissions. If requested, a provisional DOI can be obtained prior to publication, enabling early preparation of papers.

#### How to utilize QIR

Not only papers but various contents created during research activities can also be registered on QIR.

- Slides or posters used for academic conferences or symposiums
  - Books you wrote or parts of them (chapters or paragraphs), newsletters, magazines for general readers, articles posted in newspapers, etc.
  - Presentation material for lectures, distributed material, study material such as videos
  - Papers that received awards (include the fact that a prize was received)
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- Note:
  - In the case of registering materials that are already published or released as well as registering derivative works, copyright clearance may be needed. For more details, please make inquiries through the contact below.

## Open Access Paper Publication Fee (APC) Support

You can also pay APCs to make your paper open access in the journal. The library has concluded "OA Publication Model Agreements (Conversion Agreements)" with some publishers and provides support for paper publishing fees (APCs) for open access publishing.

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- Please be cautious of low-quality, predatory open-access journals that claim to be peer-reviewed but exist solely to extract article processing charges (APCs) from authors without conducting proper peer review. Submitting to such journals risks damaging your credibility and reputation as a researcher.

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