

Open Access Mandate

Open Access (OA) improves the dissemination and visibility of Brunel's research outputs and hence raises the impact of our research.

Brunel University Open Access Mandate

All staff are expected to place new research publications in the University's research database BRAD and the University's research archive, BURA, subject to publishers' copyright permissions.

It is the responsibility of the staff member to comply with this mandate, using the support of Library Services to resolve any queries if necessary.

It is the responsibility of Institutes and Colleges to assure staff compliance with the Open Access mandate. Compliance rates for BRAD and BURA will form part of the University Research Plan KPIs and the Institute and College Research Plans.

Individual compliance with the Open Access mandate will form part of an individual's Personal Research Plan and the University's promotion criteria.

Advice on Compliance

OA through BURA is linked to the output appearing on the University's research database BRAD, which alerts the academic and the library team to the output and any potential for OA. Publication on BURA is free (known as a Green or free OA route). Copyright issues for OA are handled by BURA staff at the point of entry.

Outputs which are published in a paid for Open Access version of a traditional publication (Gold route) or loaded in a subject specific repository are compliant with this policy once they are placed on the University's research database BRAD.

All output types are suitable for entry on the BRAD research database. Outputs which are suitable for OA are primarily, but not exclusively, journal articles and conference papers. Issues of suitability can be assessed once the output is on BRAD.

In order to be compliant with this mandate, details of all final-text outputs should be loaded onto BRAD as soon after the point of acceptance as possible (as given in the final-text acceptance letter or e-mail from the publication/publisher to the author), and no later than two months after this date. For outputs which do not follow this publication pattern should be loaded onto BRAD within two months of the point when the output enters the public domain.

More information

To access the University's BRAD database and BURA archive please see the library webpage: [Managing your research profile](#)

Please note, this mandate is linked to the [University Research Data Management Policy](#). Colleagues are advised to refer to both when planning their projects and publications. Research funders may have additional requirements for OA which you may need to consider. Library Services can provide support on Open Access, Journal selection and Research Data Management.

The University's Open Access Mandate was first recommended to Senate by RKT and approved by Senate in September 2009. This revision was recommended to Senate by RKT and approved in March 2014. Questions relating to BRAD and BURA should be addressed in the first instance to **BRAD-admin@brunel.ac.uk** and **bura-manager@brunel.ac.uk**.