Gates Foundation 2025 Open Access Policy Grantee Guide

What are the foundation's Open Access Requirements?

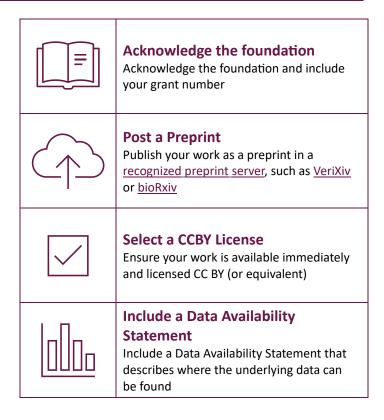
Effective January 1st, 2025, all grantees are required to post their funded manuscript as a preprint in a recognized preprint server.

All preprints must be freely available and openly licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution license (CC BY) or equivalent terms to allow others to build on and reuse the research.

If a preprint has not been posted before article acceptance, grantees should deposit the Author Accepted Manuscript (AAM) in a repository, like <u>PubMed Central</u> or <u>Zenodo</u>, with an open license. For more information review the <u>Grantee</u> Repository Guide.

Questions?

- Review the 2025 policy on the <u>Open Access website</u>
- Email: openaccess@gatesfoundation.org
- Contact your foundation program officer



ALTERNATIVES TO ARTICLE PROCESSING CHARGES

To comply with the foundation's Open Access Policy, grantees need to post a preprint or deposit their AAM in PubMed Central (PMC). Neither of these routes has a cost to the grantee.

The 2025 Open Access Policy does NOT restrict where and how grantees can publish their work once they have posted a preprint. If a grantee chooses to publish their funded research in a journal that charges Article Processing Charges (APCs), the foundation will no longer pay these fees for submissions after January 1, 2025.

APC PAYMENT ALTERNATIVES TO EXPLORE

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