

Gates Foundation 2025 Open Access Policy

Grantee Repository Guide

What ARE THE FOUNDATION'S REPOSITORY REQUIREMENTS

Effective January 1st, 2025, all grantees are required to post their funded manuscript as a preprint in a recognized preprint server. If a preprint has not been posted before article acceptance, grantees should deposit the Author Accepted Manuscript (AAM) in a repository with an open license. By making your AAM available in an open repository with a CC BY license, you will complete your compliance requirements through the Rights Retention Strategy. Learn more about RRS [here](#).

Questions?

- Review the 2025 policy on the [Open Access website](#)
- Email: openaccess@gatesfoundation.org
- Contact your foundation program officer

AS A FOUNDATION GRANTEE, HOW DO I NAVIGATE THIS PROCESS?

What is the Author's Accepted Manuscript (AAM)?

This is the version of the article that the publisher has accepted but that has not yet been published. This is usually a Word file or LaTeX export that you sent the publisher after peer-review and before formatting (publisher proofs).



What are Examples of Repositories?

Grantees only need to upload to one recognized repository. The foundation will contact grantees via email if a repository deposit is needed.

- Generalist repositories include PubMed Central and Zenodo.
- Check with your institution. It might support an institutional repository.

PubMed Central Deposits for BMGF Grantees

Grantees can directly deposit their accepted manuscript to PubMed Central where it will seamlessly link to its PubMed record.

1. Source your AAM and have your grant number ready.
2. Go to the [NIHMS](#) to sign in and start uploading files.
3. Check [here](#) if you need more information about the process.

Zenodo One-Step Deposit

1. Source your AAM and have your article DOI ready.
2. Go [here](#) to enter the article DOI and upload your AAM (powered by Share Your Paper from OA.Works).
3. Your article will automatically be assigned a CC BY license
4. Click "Deposit" and you will receive a link to your uploaded manuscript. Your article will automatically be added to the Gates community in Zenodo.

