

# We Support Open Access

## What Is Open Access?

Open Access is a growing international movement that uses the Internet to throw open the locked doors that once hid knowledge. Encouraging the unrestricted sharing of research results with everyone, the Open Access movement is gaining ever more momentum around the world as research funders and policy makers put their weight behind it.



## Why Does Open Access Matter?

"Open Access helps scientists make the discoveries we need to improve health, provides the opportunity for their work to be more easily read and cited, enables integration of research with other resources, helps funding bodies evaluate the research they have funded, and ensures that the digital record of medicine can be preserved."

**Mark Walport** ▶  
Director of the Wellcome Trust  
London, UK



**Funder**

"Patient advocates are amongst the many groups actively campaigning for Open Access. As a mother of two children with a rare genetic disease, I discovered first hand how difficult it is to get access to research. Open Access helps me advocate better for my family."

**Sharon Terry** ▶  
President & CEO  
Genetic Alliance  
Washington, DC



**Patient Advocate**



**Librarian**

"Universities, who support and produce research, can't keep up with inflating journal prices and are forced to cut subscriptions. With Open Access, instead of cutting off access to information to professors and students, we are able to provide that knowledge without increasing the college's costs."

▶ **Diane J. Graves**  
University Librarian  
Trinity University (Texas)



**Physician Scientist**

"I'm a primary care clinician. I want to take care of my patients using the best available research evidence, which happens to be published almost exclusively in medical journals. Prior to Open Access, this research was often locked behind subscription barriers. With Open Access, I can get easier, wider access to the research evidence that I need to do the best for my patients."

▶ **Ida Sim, M.D., Ph.D.**  
Associate Professor  
University of California, San Francisco



**Teacher**

"The critical aspect of Open Access for me is that increased discoverability and browseability will lead to greater efficiency of conducting research. Any savings in efficiency translate quite directly into savings for taxpayers and time savings for researchers. That ultimately means more discoveries, sooner, for less money."

▶ **André Brown**  
Ph.D. Student  
University of Pennsylvania



**Student**

"As a middle school science teacher, I do not have the funds to subscribe to the traditional science journals. The availability of research papers will benefit the future of scientific research by providing motivation and stimulation for millions of fledgling scientists."

▶ **Barbara Stebbins**  
Science Teacher, Black Pine Circle School (Berkeley, CA)

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