

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND THE MARINE (DAFM) POLICY ON OPEN ACCESS

The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) plays a lead role in developing a strong, competitive and vibrant agri-food industry by supporting pre-commercial agricultural, food and forest related research through its three Competitive Research Funding Programmes: *FIRM*, *Stimulus* and *CoFoRD*.

Recognising the key role that research, technology and innovation plays in developing a competitive, knowledge based, sustainable economy, DAFM Competitive Research Funding Programmes place great emphasis on the need for active and varied dissemination of the outputs of research. Acknowledging that open access enhances the free circulation of knowledge, ultimately expediting innovation, DAFM is supportive of the drive for openness and transparency in the Irish publicly funded research landscape.

DAFM is fully committed to ensuring that the research outputs from its Competitive Research Funding Programmes are made available to all potential end users including the food Industry, SME's, farming organisations, farm advisory services, farming community, public sector & regulatory bodies, academia and civil society and thus supports the [National Principles on Open Access Policy Statement](#).

DAFM's Open Access Policy requires researchers in receipt of funding¹ from DAFM's Competitive Research Funding Programmes (*FIRM*, *Stimulus* & *CoFoRD*) to comply with its Policy on Open Access as follows:

1. Accepted peer-review research and scholarly publications (including conference proceedings and technical reports), which arise in whole or in part from research funded by DAFM, should, subject to the copyright and archiving policies of the publisher, be made available at the earliest possible date through their institutional repository (information on Irish Research institutional repositories is available through Rian, www.rian.ie). Publishers' embargo period should not normally exceed six months for scientific, technical and health science research publications. Protection of intellectual property must, in the first instance, take precedence over any form of publication and indeed open access deposition.
2. Publications deposited in an institutional open access repository must contain a link from the deposited version to the publication site, a URL/DOI (Document Object Identifier) must be used.
3. In accordance with the National Principles on Open Access Policy Statement, where possible, research data (i.e. associated metadata and supporting documentation including any research monographs) supporting the publication should also be made available in an open access repository whenever feasible and linked to the associated

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3. DAFM request researchers to acknowledge DAFM's support in any publication arising from work funded under its three Competitive Research Funding Programmes (FIRM, Stimulus & CoFoRD), in the following manner: *This material is based upon research supported by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine under Grant Award No. [DAFM Project Code (e.g. 11/S/345)].*

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