



# ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES

## AAU STATEMENT ON NIH PUBLIC ACCESS PROPOSAL

Brandeis University  
Brown University  
California Institute of Technology  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Case Western Reserve University  
Columbia University  
Cornell University  
Duke University  
Emory University  
Harvard University  
Indiana University  
Iowa State University  
The Johns Hopkins University  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
McGill University  
Michigan State University  
New York University  
Northwestern University  
The Ohio State University  
The Pennsylvania State University  
Princeton University  
Purdue University  
Rice University  
Rutgers, The State University  
of New Jersey  
Stanford University  
Stony Brook University –  
State University of New York  
Syracuse University  
Texas A&M University  
Tulane University  
University at Buffalo –  
State University of New York  
The University of Arizona  
University of California, Berkeley  
University of California, Davis  
University of California, Irvine  
University of California, Los Angeles  
University of California, San Diego  
University of California, Santa Barbara  
University of Chicago  
University of Colorado, Boulder  
University of Florida  
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign  
University of Iowa  
University of Kansas  
University of Maryland, College Park  
University of Michigan  
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities  
University of Missouri, Columbia  
University of Nebraska - Lincoln  
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University of Oregon  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of Rochester  
University of Southern California  
University of Texas at Austin  
University of Toronto  
University of Virginia  
University of Washington  
University of Wisconsin - Madison  
Vanderbilt University  
Washington University in St. Louis  
Yale University

AAU strongly supports efforts to achieve the widest possible dissemination of the results of federally funded research, and the association commends the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for its proposal to increase public access to published results of NIH-funded research. Making research results freely available to the public six months after those results are published should not only benefit the public through expanded access to information but should benefit scientists and advance science through wider dissemination of new knowledge.

We appreciate the recognition by NIH of the need for any such proposal to preserve the quality of scientific information through peer review, editorial, and scientific quality-control processes. The basic elements of NIH's proposal appear to be consistent with this goal. NIH's stated intention to work with affected parties during the further development of this initiative should achieve the goal of expanding public access in ways that preserve the quality of published scientific information. AAU will submit comments on the proposal and looks forward to working with NIH and other affected parties toward this goal.