Open Access Policy for scientific publishing at Umeå University

Background

Umeå University strives to make all published research accessible as freely as possible. This is in accordance with the Berlin Declaration on Open Access, which SUHF has signed, as well as with the requirements of the Swedish Research Council and other research funders.

The DiVA publication database reference group, with representatives from the faculties and the university library has prepared a proposal for an Open Access policy for Umeå University.

The Library Board of Umeå University decided on 12 October 2011 to submit the proposal to the Vice-Chancellor. The proposal has also been approved by the Strategic Research Council at its meeting on 1 December 2011.

The ambition has been to make the policy as clear and transparent as possible, and to make it as easy as possible for researchers and students to follow.

Policy

1. The researchers of Umeå University shall deposit a copy of all their research publications in the publication database of Umeå University (DiVA). A reference to each publication should also be recorded in DiVA as decided by the Vice-Chancellor September 9, 2006 (Dnr: UmU 220-2745-06). The library checks the publishing rights and publishes the work in accordance with publisher policies, normally within 6 months after the original publishing date. For publications that do not allow self-archiving, the work will be archived in DiVA for possible future publishing, if the publisher would change the policy and allow self-archiving.

2. Umeå University researchers are recommended to publish their results in Open Access journals.

3. Dissertations (mandatory since 14 January 2003, Dnr: UmU 500-256-03), reports and other research publications published by the University shall also be deposited in DiVA. This also means that all publications published by the University are registered in DiVA, even if the authors are not from Umeå University.

4. Electronic publishing of student theses. Theses produced at Umeå University shall be registered and deposited in DiVA. The registered data (author, title, summary, institution, etc.) will be freely available. Publishing of the full text of the individual theses is decided by each faculty or department.

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