20-Minute Update: Complying with the July 1ˢᵗ, 2025 Start of the 2024 NIH Public Access Policy

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New Implementation Timeline: 2024 NIH Public Access Policy

► **The National Institutes of Health (NIH) first passed its [Public Access Policy](#) on April 7, 2008, in order to advance science and improve human health.**

► **What is the new implementation timeline for the 2024 Public Access Policy?**

  ► The 2024 Public Access Policy is effective for manuscripts accepted for publication on or after **July 1, 2025**.

NIH Public Access Policy Comparison: 2008 vs. 2024

	2008 Public Access Policy April 7, 2008 until June 30, 2025	**2024 Public Access Policy** On or after July 1st, 2025
Who is affected by the policy?	Person(s) funded by the NIH	Person(s) funded by the NIH
What do you submit to comply?	Final peer-reviewed manuscript version of the journal article [Either the Author Accepted Manuscript (AAM) OR the Final Published Version]	Final peer-reviewed manuscript version of the journal article [Author Accepted Manuscript is required]
Where do you submit your version of manuscript?	PubMed Central (PMC)	PubMed Central (PMC)
When do you submit to comply?	Upon acceptance of publication	Upon acceptance of publication
When do you need make your version of manuscript public?	No later than 12 months after the official date of publication (embargo period)	Upon Official Date of Publication by the publisher (i.e., no embargo period allowed)
How do you illustrate policy compliance?	Obtain PMCID (required 90 days post-publication)	With a PubMed Central reference number (PMCID) immediately upon publication. *Note: an NIH Manuscript Submission identifier (NIHMSID) may be used in lieu of a PMCID for up to three months following the official date of publication.*

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How will non-compliance of the NIH Public Access Policy affect you?

Policy non-compliance consequences:

"Noncompliance with the NIH Public Access Policy may be considered by NIH in future funding decisions for the recipient institution.

Non-competing continuation grant awards are subject to a delay in award processing for noncompliance with the NIH Public Access Policy."
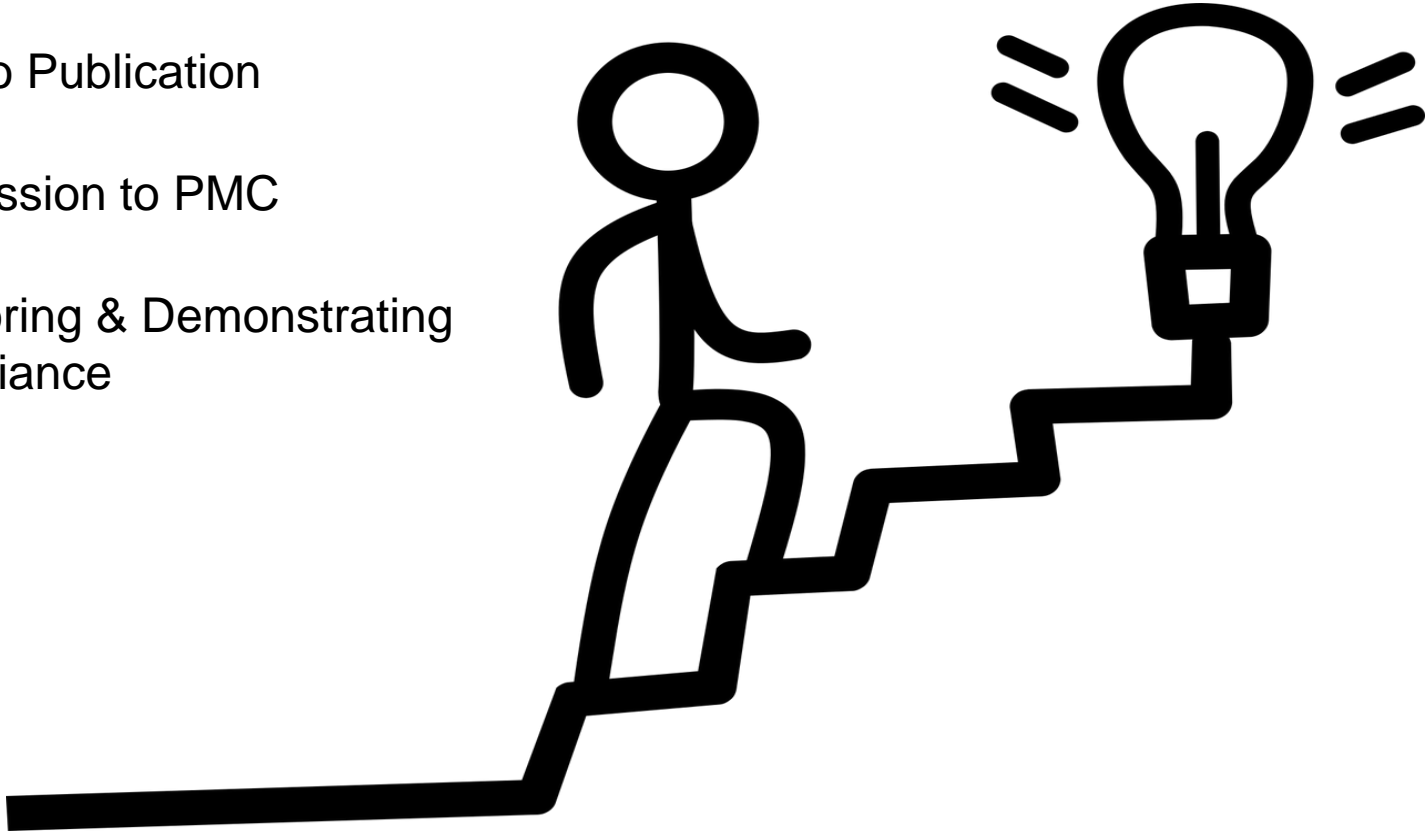
2024 NIH Public Access Policy Requirements

The NIH Public Access Policy requires **three** things of their awardees:

1. *Submission of an electronic version of the Author Accepted Manuscript to PubMed Central upon its acceptance for publication for public availability without embargo upon the Official Date of Publication;*

2. *An acknowledgment in the Author Accepted Manuscript and Final Published Article that satisfies the requirements in the NIH Grants Policy Statement (GPS) regarding communicating and acknowledging federal funding (GPS 4.2.1 and GPS 8.2.1); and*

3. *When an Author Accepted Manuscript is submitted to NIH, agreeing to a standard license that mirrors that of the Government Use License at 2 CFR 200.315, or its successor regulation, explicitly granting NIH the right to make the Author Accepted Manuscript publicly available through PubMed Central without embargo upon the Official Date of Publication.*

Phases to Compliance

1. Prior to Publication

2. Submission to PMC

3. Monitoring & Demonstrating Compliance

1. Prior to Publication: Choosing a Journal

Choose a Journal that Complies with NIH Policy

► Before Paper Submission to a chosen Publisher, You MUST confirm that publisher policies allow you to comply with the 2024 NIH Public Access Policy. Note:

- [If the journal you've selected, will not comply with one of the three NIH Step for submitting to PMC, it is your responsibility to choose a journal that will comply with the Public Access Policy](#)
  - *Negative*: SpringerNature, Elsevier, Wiley, ACS have limitations and constraints.
  - *Positive*: Other publishers such as AAAS, Sage, BMJ, and to my knowledge Ovid and probably others, are allowing AAM deposit which allows for greater flexibility in choosing to go OA or not.

- Authors are not required to pay any differential publisher fees to comply

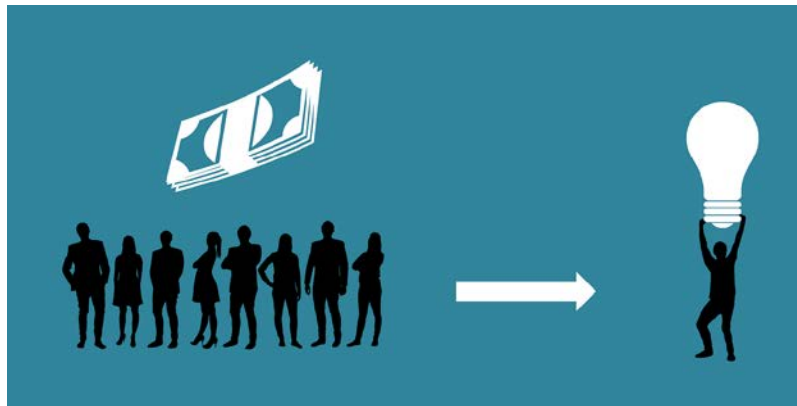- Choosing to publish open access does not alone achieve compliance

1. Prior to Publication: Acknowledging NIH as Your Funder

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► During the Paper Submission Process to a Publisher, You MUST have an acknowledgment in the Author Accepted Manuscript and Final Published Article that satisfies the requirements in the NIH Grants Policy Statement (GPS) regarding communicating and acknowledging federal funding.

Suggested language for this statement:

"This manuscript is the result of funding in whole or in part by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). It is subject to the NIH Public Access Policy. Through acceptance of this federal funding, NIH has been given a right to make this manuscript publicly available in PubMed Central upon the Official Date of Publication, as defined by NIH."

1. Prior to Publication: Watching Submission Timeline

Submit Author Accepted Manuscript on Time

► In NIH Step 3 of Submitting to PMC and when NIH Steps 1 or 2 don't apply, you can submit an electronic version of the Author Accepted Manuscript to PubMed Central upon its acceptance for publication for public availability without embargo upon the Official Date of Publication via the NIH Manuscript Submission System (NIHMS).

- "Upon acceptance of publication," can be interpreted as that window of time between when the AAM is accepted and done and when the Final Published Article is published by the publisher

- **TIP**: Best to deposit as early as possible and much before the official date of publication to ensure compliance; it takes time to process your deposit into NIHMS and to issue a PMCID, which is your proof of compliance

2. Submission to PMC: Three Steps (Step 1)

Follow the Three NIH Steps to Submitting to PMC

► There are three NIH steps to consider when submitting your peer-reviewed manuscript :

Step 1 – Check the Journal List: Publishers on the **PMC Journal List** will automatically deposit your Final Published Article into PMC. NIH recommends reviewing the specific journal record to confirm that the Release Delay is 0 months (Immediate Release) and the Agreement Status is Active. Journals for which complete contents are submitted to PMC are listed as "Agreement to Deposit: All articles". Journals for which only NIH-supported articles are submitted to PMC are listed as "Agreement to Deposit: NIH funded articles". Default embargoes for journals are displayed on the Journal List as well.

If your manuscript was accepted for publication after July 1, but your NIH Award Closed before July 1, 2025 the 2008 NIH Public Access Policy applies
   ❑ TIPS: If a journal is listed as "Agreement to Deposit: NIH funded articles" and your paper was not supported by NIH, proceed to NIH Step 2.
   ❑ If your funder requires immediate availability of your funded paper in PMC and it is published in a journal on the Journal List with a default embargo, you need to either make special arrangements with the journal or publisher to have the final published article deposited without embargo or proceed to NIH Step 3.

2. Submission to PMC: Three Steps (Step 2)

Follow the Three NIH Steps to Submitting to PMC

Step 2 – Review the Selective Deposit Programs: Publishers in the **Selective Deposit Collection** will deposit your Final Published Article into PMC upon request or special arrangement by the author. Even if a journal does not participate in PMC, the publisher may deposit an article directly to PMC without author involvement if open access arrangements were made and one of these additional submission criteria are met:

► The article is published in a MEDLINE-indexed journal; or
► The article acknowledges support of a PMC designated funder or a member of the Europe PMC Funders Group.

Always confirm with your publisher directly that they will use this deposit option for your paper if you make such arrangements.

2. Submission to PMC: Three Steps (Step 3)

Follow the Three NIH Steps to Submitting to PMC

Step 3 – Deposit the Author Accepted Manuscript: If neither NIH Steps 1 or 2 apply, the author or a delegate may deposit your Author Accepted Manuscript to one of two manuscript submissions systems to comply with a designated funder:

NIH Manuscript Submission (NIHMS) System	Europe PMC Plus
The NIHMS is operated by the National Library of Medicine. The list of funder policies that NIHMS supports is available on the NIHMS Funders page. NIHMS	Europe PMC Plus is operated by the European Bioinformatics Institute (EBI). The list of funder policies that EPMC Plus supports is available from the Europe PMC website. Europe PMC

If your research was supported by a NIHMS funder and a Europe PMC funder:
►You only need to deposit the manuscript once. All manuscripts are made discoverable in both PMC and Europe PMC.

2. Submission to PMC: Retaining Copyright

Retain Copyright Using Standard License

► During the AAM submission process, you must agree to a standard license that mirrors that of the Government Use License at 2 CFR 200.315, or its successor regulation, explicitly granting NIH the right to make the Author Accepted Manuscript publicly available through PubMed Central without embargo upon the Official Date of Publication.

Prepare to monitor compliance of NIH Step 3 through MyNCBI's My Bibliography

► Link your MyNCBI's My Bibliography to your eRA Commons account to give you access to monitoring submission compliance.

► For NIH Step 3, watch for receipt of your temporary NIHMSID number by email to either the PI or the corresponding author.

Prepare to monitor compliance of NIH Step 3 through MyNCBI's My Bibliography

► Manually add your manuscript info as a new citation that is "forthcoming" in your MyNCBI's My Bibliography. Once you get your NIHMSID, you can "edit status" of your citation to add your NIHMS ID number.

Prepare to monitor compliance of NIH Steps 1 and 2 through MyNCBI's My Bibliography

► For NIH Steps 1 and 2, you can add your new citation manually in your MyNCBI's My Bibliography with your PMCID number which was given to you upon the Official Date of Publication of your Final Published Article.

Not sure if your article has a PMCID? Enter the DOI for your article into the PMC ID Converter. If the article is in PMC, the PMC ID Converter will return the PMCID and other related identifiers
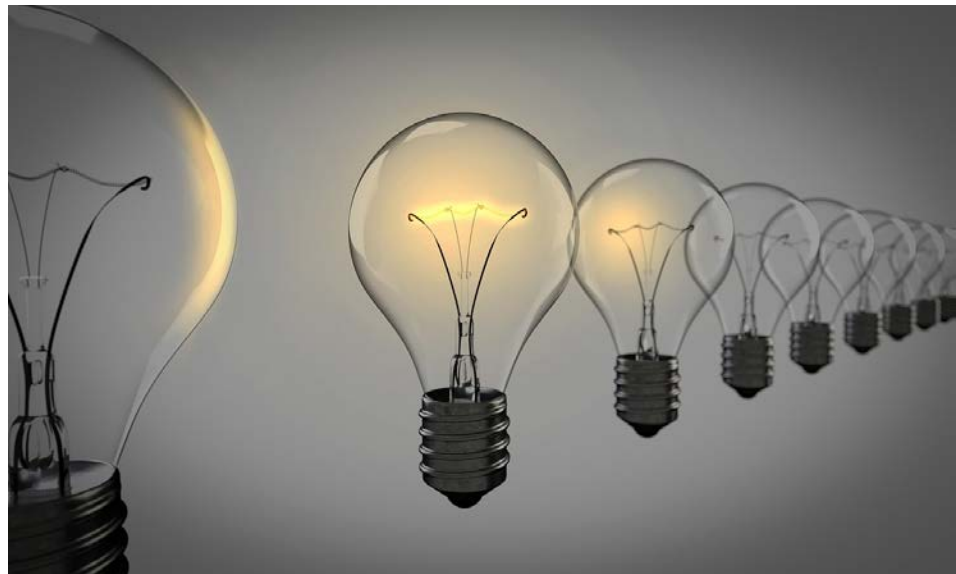
Monitor and Account for Compliance

► For all three NIH steps, obtain and document your PMCID from your MyNCBI's My Bibliography as proof of documented policy compliance.

► *Note: In NIH Step 3, an NIH Manuscript Submission identifier (NIHMSID) may be used temporarily in lieu of a PMCID for up to three months <u>following</u> the Official Date of Publication. After that, the PMCID is required.*

How JH Libraries Can Support Policy Compliance

► **JH Libraries can help you with …**

- Journal Selection

- Process of depositing your AAM into NIHMS

- Linking your MyNCBI My Bibliography to eRA Commons account

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To learn more about Open Access Publishing, check out our [OA Publishing LibGuide](#)

Thank you! Questions??

Referenced Presentation Resources

► **LibGuides**
   o NIH Public Access Policy LibGuide
   o Open Access Publishing LibGuide

► **NIH**
   o NIH Message from the NIH Director about the New Implementation Timeline
   o Submitting to PubMed Central (2025)
   o 2024 NIH Public Access Policy FAQs (2025)
   o PMC Journal List (2025) (NIH Step 1)
   o Selective Deposit Collection – requires request by the author for publisher cooperation (NIH Step 2)
   o 2024 NIH Public Access Policy
   o NIH Public Access Policy
   o OSTP Public Access Memo of 2022/Nelson Memo

   o NIH Manuscript Submission System

Referenced Presentation Resources

NIH Contacts:

► **For questions related to the NIH Public Access Policy, please email, SciencePolicy@od.nih.gov**

► **For questions related to the NIH Public Access Policy compliance, please email, publicaccess@nih.gov**

► **For questions related to the NIHMS process, please email, nihms-help@ncbi.nlm.nih.gov**

► **For questions related to MyNCBI's My Bibliography, please email, info@ncbi.nlm.nih.gov**