DkIT Open Access (OA) Policy

1. Introduction

Dundalk Institute of Technology supports Open Access to its research outputs as dictated by national policy. At present there are two primary models that can be employed with regard to Open Access, these are:

- Green OA: where authors deposit articles accepted for publication in an online repository, often institutional repositories managed by higher education or research institutions.
- Gold OA: where published material is made available immediately by the journal publisher in return for an article processing change (APC).

This policy has been developed in line with the Institute’s commitment to disseminate the outputs of its publically funded research and scholarship activity as widely as possible.

2. Policy

2.1 The policy will apply to all scholarly peer reviewed research outputs, including research articles, conference papers and proceedings, books and book chapters, policy papers and postgraduate research theses. Any embargos in relation to research theses due to intellectual property considerations will be adhered to by the institute.

2.2 In some cases, the publication of research outputs as open access may not be possible due to the nature of the research or the policies of an individual publisher and / or journal. In such cases an exemption from this policy may be granted, at the discretion of the Library in consultation with the Research Office.

2.3 The Institute supports the Green model of Open Access (self- archiving) as the most sustainable and cost effective way to widen public access to research and provides this access via the STÓR repository.

2.4 DkIT supports the widest form of licensing so that articles can be read and re-used through the use of Creative Commons Attribution-Non Commercial-Share Alike licence.

2.5 To assist the Institute in providing Open Access to its scholarly research output staff and the research community will provide an electronic copy of the final peer-reviewed draft of each article published. The publications can be deposited directly to STÓR or emailed to the Library to be deposited on the author’s behalf. Open access to the full text will be made available as soon as practicable, and not later than six months after publication. Embargos will be applied as necessary.

2.6 The Institute supports the right of academics to publish in the journal of their choice.

2.7 It is the responsibility of the individual researcher to comply with this policy and to ensure their research works are uploaded onto the institute research repository in a timely fashion subject to point 2.2.

2.8 The Library will provide researchers with advisory information and guidance on all aspects of OA publishing.