Public Access Requirements for Publications

In 2013, the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) issued a <u>memo</u> requiring all Federal funding agencies involved in research to develop plans to increase public access to research publications and data. This page provides information on publication requirements only. The data requirements (which do differ from the publication requirements) are still in development mode by many agencies, and will be addressed when they are more developed.

As a project investigator/publication author, you are responsible for knowing the agencies specific requirements for making your Federal government funded publication(s) accessible to the public. The following are some conditions/actions generally shared by the agencies:

- A 12 month embargo period is allowed from publication to public access
- In the event the full article text is embargoed, the article metadata, such as citation information, etc., is required upon publication
- There is a specific method to submit your evidence-based request for an embargo extension

A difference among agency plans is, some plans are broad referring to peer-reviewed articles (which vary as to whether peer-reviewed conference papers are included) while other plans are narrow referring to only peer-reviewed journal articles.

Make sure you are well versed with the agency requirements. Please be sure to read your publishing agreements and negotiate changes as required so that you can meet agency compliance requirements.

The table below provides some information regarding agency public access requirements for publications.

Agency	Awards on/after:	Initial Embargo	Required
		Period	Portal/Repository
National Aeronautics	Oct. 2015	12 months	<u>PubMed</u>
and Space			
Administration (NASA)			
National Science	Jan. 2016	12 months	NSF-Public Access
Foundation (NSF)			Repository
U.S. Department of	Jan. 2016	12 months	<u>PubAg</u>
Agriculture (USDA)			
U. S. Department of	Oct. 2015	12 months	<u>PubMed</u>
Commerce-National			
Institute of Standards			
and Technology (NIST)			
U.S. Department of	Jan. 2016	12 months	NOAA Institutional
Commerce-National			Repository
Oceanic and			
Atmospheric			
Administration (NOAA)			
U.S. Department of	Oct. 2015	12 months	Defense Technical
Defense (DOD)			<u>Information Center</u>

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U.S. Department of	Oct. 2012	12 months	ERIC
Education			
U.S. Department of	Oct. 2014	12 months	Public Access Gateway
Energy (DOE)			for Energy and Science
U.S. Department of	2008	12 months	<u>PubMed</u>
Health & Human			
Services-National			
Institutes of Health			
(NIH)			
U.S. Department of	July 2013	12 months	CDC Stacks and
Health & Human			<u>PubMed</u>
Services-Centers for			
Disease Control &			
Prevention (CDC)			
U.S. Department of	Oct. 2016	12 months	<u>USGS</u>
Interior-US Geological			
Survey (USGS)			
U.S. Department of	Dec. 2015	12 months	National
Transportation (DOT)			Transportation Library