

Doshisha University Open Access Policy

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(Purpose)

1. Doshisha University (hereinafter referred to as “the University”), based on Christian principles, upholds its educational philosophy of cultivating individuals with a spirit of self-government and self-reliance, as well as a rich international perspective, originating from the aspirations of its founder, Joseph Hardy Neesima. Under this philosophy, the University presents “Advance creativity and collaboration in research” as one of its visions, and has been working on the creation of integrated research through transdisciplinary research and on the promotion of industry-government-academia collaboration and technology transfer on a global scale. Based on this background, the University hereby establishes its Open Access Policy for making research results produced at the University accessible to the public, with the aim of contributing to the advancement of academic research, sharing the results with society, and promoting the sustainable development of the local and international communities.

(Publication of research outcomes)

2. Researchers affiliated with the University (hereinafter, “Researchers”) shall make their research outcomes published in journals issued by publishers, academic societies, faculties/graduate schools of the University, etc. (hereinafter, “Research Outcomes”) accessible to the extent possible through the use of the Doshisha University Academic Repository or other methods of the Researcher’s choice so that anyone can access them without barriers. The ownership of the copyright of the Research Outcomes shall not be transferred to the University.

(Exception)

3. If it is deemed that making a Research Outcome accessible to all may lead to inappropriate situations due to copyright restrictions or other reasons, the Research Outcome shall not be released.

(Non-retroactivity)

4. This Policy shall not apply to Research Outcomes published before its enforcement or under contracts inconsistent with this Policy concluded before its enforcement.

(Registration to the Doshisha University Academic Repository)

5. Researchers who wish to make their Research Outcomes open through the Doshisha University Academic Repository shall provide the University with the Author Accepted Manuscript or other appropriate version of the Research Outcomes at their earliest convenience. Matters related to Doshisha University Academic Repository, such as registration and publication of Research Outcomes, are handled in accordance with the “Doshisha University Academic Repository Operational Guidelines”.

(Others)

6. Any necessary matters regarding open access unstated in this Policy shall be determined through consultation among the parties concerned.