# Open Access Policy of DIW Berlin

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## Preamble

DIW Berlin stands for excellent research, high-quality policy advice and the provision of first-class research infrastructure. The optimal availability of relevant information is a basic prerequisite for leading and efficient research and equally necessary for successful policy advice. As a member of the Leibniz Association, DIW Berlin is committed to the principle of Open Access and supports the demand for unrestricted and free access to quality-checked results of publicly funded research. We thus adhere to the "Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities"[1] and the "Open Access Policy of the Leibniz Association"[2] .

## Objectives for Open Access at DIW Berlin

DIW Berlin pursues the goal of publishing the research results of its scientists in accordance with the Open Access principle. This is done as directly as possible through publication in open access publication media or – within the scope of legal possibilities – through parallel or the fastest possible subsequent access to the publications via document servers (repositories).

Researchers are encouraged to engage with scholar-led publications — for example, by serving as authors, editors, or reviewers. DIW Berlin is examining the possibility of providing financial support for Diamond Open Access models.

DIW Berlin's in-house publications have been fully available in Open Access since 2005. Older publications have been and will be successively digitized. Long-term archiving is ensured via the EconStor repository.

DIW Berlin strives to increase the share of open access publications among its externally published research outputs, particularly peer-reviewed articles, preferably with corresponding authors affiliated with DIW Berlin.

The decision on the type of provision (gold open access journal, open access platform or open access in a hybrid journal) is the responsibility of the researchers. In the case of immediate publication in Open Access, the institute recommends that its employees use a free license (e.g. Creative Commons - CC BY 4.0[3] ). The requirements for generally applicable standards and scientific quality as well as the regulations on good scientific practice remain unrestricted.

DIW Berlin also regards research data as a valuable result of its research. On December 7, 2018 (updated 2025), DIW Berlin adopted its own policy[4] for handling research data at the institute and making it available.

[1] Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities: https://openaccess.mpg.de/Berliner-Erklaerung
[2] Open Access Policy of the Leibniz Association from May 2020 (update 2025): https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.18268331
[3] Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International: https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/
[4] DIW Berlin Data Policy:
https://www.diw.de/documents/dokumentenarchiv/17/diw_01.c.969771.de/diw_data_policy_2025_final_en_bf.pdf

## Implementation of the Open Access Policy at DIW Berlin

DIW Berlin has created the necessary organizational, structural and financial conditions to promote Open Access at the institute. It participates in transformation contracts with the most important publishers for the Institute, e.g. in all DEAL contracts.[5]

DIW Berlin researchers are informed about developments in the field of Open Access, advised on the selection of journals and the choice of publication route if necessary and supported in clarifying legal issues in connection with the Open Access publication of their research results. Contact persons for this are the research managers and the library staff.

DIW Berlin makes all its publications available in the specialist repository EconStor, so that they are archived permanently, securely and citable on a certified server. The publications are given persistent identifications (handles).

Publications that appear in fee-based publication media or in publication media that are not directly accessible to the public, can be made accessible in parallel or subsequently. For this purpose, the DIW Berlin library identifies publications whose free secondary publication (e.g. as a manuscript version) is legally permissible in Open Access and uploads them to the EconStor repository.

DIW Berlin expects its researchers to apply for third-party funding for open access publications when applying for projects. Research managers, third-party funding management and the library support them in this.

If the original open access publication of an article is only possible against payment of a publication fee and no third-party funding is available, DIW Berlin provides financial support from basic funds. The criteria for the use of these funds are agreed and communicated within the institute.

[5] DEAL consortium: https://deal-konsortium.de/