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Open Access and the research lifecycle: a guide for researchers

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Uncovering researcher behaviours and engagement with Open Access

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O2OA – Needs analysis

• Focus groups held at the University of Northampton (August – October 2015)
  – 24 attendees from a range of disciplines (health; education; business; computing; etc.)
  – Researchers from various career stages (PhD student to Professor)
• Recordings transcribed and coded using NVivo
• Project staff (Nick Dimmock, Katie Jones and myself) then met to align stated needs with research lifecycle
• The research lifecycle guide is one of the outcomes...
The guide

• Covers open access to published work and research data
• Addresses all stages of the research lifecycle – from “Identify new research data” to “Disseminate”
• At each stage considers:
  – How the researcher can take advantage of others’ OA work
  – What the researcher needs to be aware of if they intend to make their own work OA
• Provides links to appropriate tools and services throughout
• On reverse side includes glossary of terms and notes on University of Northampton OA services and policy
• The guide is licensed [CC BY 4.0](https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/) and available as a .docx for easy adaptation and re-use
Sample: Bid for funding

Does the prospective funder have an OA policy for publications? Use SHERPA/JULIET to check.
What are their requirements (e.g. ‘green’ or ‘gold’ route; CC BY licence)?
Will the funder pay APCs?
The University of Northampton’s OA services, including NECTAR, are listed overleaf.

Bid for funding

What is the funder’s policy on data sharing?
The Digital Curation Centre (DCC) has a useful summary.

Does your funder expect you to re-use existing datasets if possible?
Do you have to produce a data management plan? More about DMPs here.
Using the guide

- We have blogged about it on UoN’s [Research Support Hub](#)
- Feedback from researchers has been positive:
- All three project partners (Coventry, DMU and Northampton) plan to use it as a focus for advocacy and training
- We have invited colleagues via mailing lists to send feedback (thank you to Martin Donnelly of the DCC for his comments)
- Please feel free to adapt and re-use the guide at your institution ( .docx available [here](#))

“A million thank you’s for this guide! It is a blessing for ECRs like me... I have printed this out and actually have it right next to my desk”
Further information

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