Faculty Survey on URI Open Access Policy and ResearchGate

Informed Consent - Anonymous Research
(Anonymous meaning no one on the research team will ever have access to any identifiers.)

The University of Rhode Island
Department of Technical Services, University Libraries
15 Lippitt Road, Kingston, RI 02881
Title of Project: Faculty Survey on URI Open Access Policy and ResearchGate

Dear URI Faculty,

You have been invited to take part in the research project described below. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Assistant Professor Julia Lovett, University Libraries, at jalovett@uri.edu or 401-874-5079.

The purpose of this study is to gather information about URI faculty members' participation in the URI Open Access Policy and/or the academic social networking site ResearchGate. This study will involve filling out a survey, which should take approximately 5 minutes. Responses to these items will be collected through SurveyMonkey, and researchers will not have access to any personally identifiable information.

YOU MUST BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD to be in this research project.

If you decide to take part in this study, your participation will involve filling out a survey pertaining to your use of, and perceptions of, the URI Open Access Policy and the academic social networking site ResearchGate.

The possible risks or discomforts of the study are minimal.

Although there are no direct benefits of the study, your answers will help increase general knowledge regarding scholars' motivations and perceptions of institutional Open Access Policies vs. academic social networking sites. The results will provide important feedback to inform the URI Libraries' implementation of the URI Open Access Policy, and will be incorporated into a scholarly article by Professors Julia Lovett (Libraries), Andrée Rathemacher (Libraries), and Corey Lang (ENRE).

Your part in this study is anonymous. That means that your answers to all questions are private. No one else can know if you participated in this study and no one else can find out what your answers were. Reports will be based on group data and will not identify you or any individual as being in this project.

The decision to participate in this research project is up to you. You do not have to participate and you can refuse to answer any question.

Participation in this study is not expected to be harmful or injurious to you. However, if this study causes you any injury, you should write or call Assistant Professor Julia Lovett at 401-874-5079.

If you have other concerns about this study or if you have questions about your rights as a research participant, you may contact the University of Rhode Island's Vice President for Research and Economic Development, 70 Lower College Road, Suite 2, URI, Kingston, RI, (401) 874-4328.

You are at least 18 years old. You have read the consent form and your questions have been answered to your satisfaction. Your filling out the survey implies your consent to participate in this study.

Thank you,

Julia Lovett
Assistant Professor, Digital Initiatives Librarian
University Libraries
University of Rhode Island

Faculty Survey on URI Open Access Policy and ResearchGate

* 1. The University of Rhode Island adopted an Open Access Policy in March 2013. How familiar are you with this Policy?

- ◯ Very familiar
- ◯ Familiar
- ◯ Neutral
- ◯ Unfamiliar
- ◯ Very unfamiliar

* 2. Which of the following statements describe the URI Open Access Policy?

- ☐ The URI Open Access Policy applies to URI faculty
- ☐ The URI Open Access Policy applies to URI graduate students
- ☐ The URI Open Access Policy covers journal articles
- ☐ The URI Open Access Policy covers books and book chapters
- ☐ The URI Open Access Policy is under the purview of the Faculty Senate
- ☐ Posting an article to DigitalCommons@URI under the Open Access Policy does not require publisher permission
- ☐ Authors may opt out of the URI Open Access Policy
- ☐ Not sure

* 3. Have you participated in the Open Access Policy by submitting your journal articles for inclusion in DigitalCommons@URI?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No
- ◯ Not Sure

* 4. What motivated you to participate?

- [ ] Ease of participation
- [ ] Connecting with other researchers
- [ ] Sharing my work more broadly
- [ ] Increasing the visibility and impact of my work
- [ ] Tracking statistics on downloads of my work
- [ ] Archiving my work for the long term
- [ ] Other (please specify)

* 5. How would you rate your experience with participating in the Open Access Policy? Please include any suggestions for improvement.

- ◯ Excellent
- ◯ Good
- ◯ Neutral
- ◯ Poor
- ◯ Very poor

Comments

* 6. How have you benefited from having your articles available in DigitalCommons@URI?

- [ ] Connected with other researchers
- [ ] Shared my work more broadly
- [ ] Increased the visibility and impact of my work
- [ ] Tracked statistics on downloads of my work
- [ ] Archived my work for the long term
- [ ] Other (please specify)

* 7. Do you have any concerns about participating in the Open Access Policy?

- [ ] Participation is too time consuming
- [ ] I'm concerned that publishers might retaliate and not publish my article or my future articles
- [ ] I'm concerned about the effects of Open Access on publishers
- [ ] I don't like having my manuscript version available instead of the final published PDF
- [ ] I'm concerned my work will be plagiarized or misused
- [ ] Participation is more difficult when I am not the lead author
- [ ] I'm concerned about the legality of participating
- [ ] Other (please specify)

* 8. What is the reason you have not participated in the Open Access Policy?

- [ ] I have not published an article
- [ ] I was not aware of the Policy
- [ ] Participation is too time consuming
- [ ] My work is already Open Access through other platforms
- [ ] I'm concerned that publishers might retaliate and not publish my article or my future articles
- [ ] I'm concerned about the effects of Open Access on publishers
- [ ] I don't like having my manuscript version available instead of the final published PDF
- [ ] I'm concerned my work will be plagiarized or misused
- [ ] Participation is more difficult when I am not the lead author
- [ ] I'm concerned about the legality of participating
- [ ] Other (please specify)

* 9. What would be the most effective and convenient way for you to learn more about the Open Access Policy?

- [ ] Email
- [ ] Website
- [ ] Paper handouts and fliers
- [ ] Social media
- [ ] In-person presentation
- [ ] Short video
- [ ] Other (please specify)

* 10. What is your opinion of the legality of complying with the URI Open Access Policy by submitting your articles to DigitalCommons@URI?

- ◯ Legal under copyright law
- ◯ Violates the copyright of the publisher
- ◯ Not sure

Comments

* 11. How familiar are you with the website ResearchGate?

- ◯ Very familiar
- ◯ Familiar
- ◯ Neutral
- ◯ Unfamiliar
- ◯ Very unfamiliar

* 12. Which of the following statements describe ResearchGate?

- [ ] ResearchGate is a social networking site for scientists and researchers
- [ ] ResearchGate allows researchers to share their research, ask and answer questions, and find collaborators
- [ ] ResearchGate is run by a non-profit organization
- [ ] ResearchGate only allows the sharing of journal articles (not books, data, etc.)
- [ ] It is always legal to share your journal articles on ResearchGate
- [ ] It is not necessary to consult journal policies before uploading articles
- [ ] Not sure

* 13. Have you provided the full text of your journal articles to ResearchGate?

- ( ) Yes
- ( ) No
- ( ) Not sure

Faculty Survey on URI Open Access Policy and ResearchGate

* 14. What motivated you to provide your articles to ResearchGate?

- [ ] Ease of participation
- [ ] Connecting with other researchers
- [ ] Sharing my work more broadly
- [ ] Increasing the visibility and impact of my work
- [ ] Tracking statistics on downloads of my work
- [ ] Other (please specify)

* 15. How have you benefited from having your articles available in ResearchGate?

- [ ] Connected with other researchers
- [ ] Shared my work more broadly
- [ ] Increased the visibility and impact of my work
- [ ] Tracked statistics on downloads of my work
- [ ] Other (please specify)

* 16. Do you have any concerns about having your articles available in ResearchGate?

- [ ] Participation is too time consuming
- [ ] I'm concerned that publishers might retaliate and not publish my future articles
- [ ] I'm concerned about the effects of Open Access on publishers
- [ ] I'm concerned my work will be plagiarized or misused
- [ ] Participation is more difficult when I am not the lead author
- [ ] I'm concerned about the legality of participation
- [ ] Other (please specify)

* 17. What version(s) of your articles have you made available on ResearchGate?

- [ ] Publisher's final PDF
- [ ] Final peer-reviewed manuscript
- [ ] Submitted version (pre-peer review)
- [ ] Working paper
- [ ] Not sure

* 18. Is there any reason you have not provided your articles to ResearchGate?

- [ ] I have not published an article
- [ ] I was not aware of ResearchGate
- [ ] Participation is too time consuming
- [ ] My work is already Open Access through other platforms
- [ ] I'm concerned that publishers might retaliate and not publish my future articles
- [ ] I'm concerned about the effects of Open Access on publishers
- [ ] I'm concerned my work will be plagiarized or misused
- [ ] Participation is more difficult when I am not the lead author
- [ ] I'm concerned about the legality of participation
- [ ] Other (please specify)

* 19. What is your opinion of the legality of researchers posting the full text of their journal articles on ResearchGate?

- ◯ Legal under copyright law
- ◯ Violates the copyright of the publisher
- ◯ Not sure

Comments

20. If you have contributed to ResearchGate but have not participated in the URI Open Access Policy, why?

21. Please include any additional comments or questions.

* 22. College

- [ ] Arts & Sciences
- [ ] Business Administration
- [ ] Education and Professional Studies
- [ ] Engineering
- [ ] Environmental and Life Sciences
- [ ] Graduate School of Oceanography
- [ ] Health Sciences
- [ ] Nursing
- [ ] Pharmacy
- [ ] University Libraries
- [ ] University College for Academic Success

* 23. Rank

- ( ) Lecturer
- ( ) Assistant Professor
- ( ) Associate Professor
- ( ) Full Professor