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What can HDR supervisors do to promote Open Access?

Open Access (OA) broadens access to knowledge, enables creativity and innovation, and increases the visibility and impact of your work and that of your HDR students.

OA means removing legal, technical and accessibility barriers in order to make content freely available for people to access, share, and re-use.

Here are individual actions you can take to realise the benefits of Open Access:

Educate the next generation about OA

Educate the next generation of scientists and scholars about OA. Lead by example and submit your own research to OA journals and outlets.

- Find the best quality OA journals in your field using search tools like [Scimago](#).
- Check the Library's list of [read and publish agreements](#) to find suitable journals.
- Learn more about [finding quality OA journals](#).

Encourage students to explore OA publishing options

Encourage your students to explore OA publishing options, especially newer journals that may not yet have an established track record with impact metrics to show their "quality". If in doubt about a journal's validity, check with your Faculty Librarian, or watch our webinar on [identifying predatory or unethical publishers](#).

Ask HDR students to explore fee-free OA journals

By exploring OA journals in your discipline, they can report back on their findings and potentially even help you find new titles to publish in. Check out the Library guide on [OA publishing options](#).

Encourage submissions to Creative Commons licenced OA journals

Are your students doing their thesis by compilation? Encourage students to submit their articles to OA journals with a [Creative Commons](#) license. When they deposit their finished thesis in espace, they won't need copyright permissions or embargoes for their OA papers.

Encourage publishing in OA data repositories

The data your HDR students develop during their research could help others build and expand on research in your field. Encourage your students to publish their data in an OA data repository. Visit the [Curtin Research Data Collection](#) to find out how Curtin Library can publish your data and assign a DOI so it can be cited.

Encourage publishing of software code

Encourage your HDR students to publish the software code they have developed during their research in the Curtin Research Data Collection or an open data repository such as Zenodo. When published in this way, others can use and cite it. Contact researchdata@curtin.edu.au for further information.