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- Open Access (OA) literature is freely available, peer-reviewed, online scholarly literature which is free of most copyright and licensing restrictions.
- This means it can be freely accessed by anyone in the world, with the potential readership of OA articles being far greater than that for material where the full-text is restricted to subscribers.
- OA does not affect peer-review - OA repositories supplement and do not replace journals.
- OA is increasingly a requirement for funding bodies such as RCUK, the Wellcome Trust, Horizon 2020 and now HEFCE & HEFCW.
- Further definitions of OA and information on Green and Gold forms of OA can be obtained from the [Aberystwyth University Open Access](#) web page.

Open Access expectations at Aberystwyth University

The University Research Committee and Executive have agreed that **where possible, all new Journal articles should be available through a Green OA route from 1 January 2014, unless a successful application has been made to the Research Committee for Gold OA** (RCUK funded research only)

For more information about AU's policy on OA and on how to apply for Article Processing Charge (APC) assistance if you are RCUK funded please take a look at the [AU Open Access](#) web page.

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[PURE](#) from Atira is Aberystwyth University's CRIS (Current Research Information System) that allows staff to upload and view, in one space, all of their current research activity. As well as enabling the management of the University's research, PURE is also used to process Open Access publications by migrating validated records to Cadair and, where appropriate, the associated full-text items.

The Open Access Group at AU includes members of the Departments of Research, Business and Innovation and Information Services and meets monthly to discuss progress and changing requirements.

For further information on OA or how to enter information into PURE, please contact openaccess@aber.ac.uk

Open Data

The management and accessibility of research data is increasingly a core aim of funders including the UK Research Councils. RCUK identify that:

‘Publicly funded research data are a public good, produced in the public interest, which should be made openly available with as few restrictions as possible in a timely and responsible manner that does not harm intellectual property.’

Aberystwyth University is working in partnership with Bangor University, through the Strategic Alliance, to develop provision for Open Data and improved research data management practices.