

Open access: the future of academic publishing

A survey of librarians explores opinions on the transition to open access

The future of scholarly communication

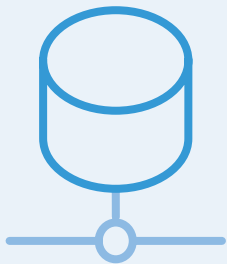
91% n=199

of respondents agree that **'open access is the future of academic and scientific publishing'**



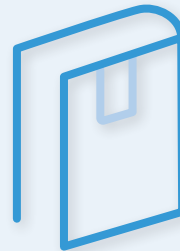
87% n=199

of respondents agree that **'all future research articles should be made accessible via open access'**



83% n=198

of respondents agree that **'all future research data should be made accessible via open access'**



70% n=199

of respondents agree that **'all future scholarly books (monographs, edited collections) should be made accessible via open access'**

The speed of movement to open access



31%

of respondents are satisfied or very satisfied with the speed of movement for **research data** n=157



21%

of respondents are satisfied or very satisfied with the speed of movement for **scholarly books** n=132



41%



of respondents are satisfied or very satisfied with the speed of movement for **research articles** n=165

64%

of respondents believe that **'we will see all future scholarly articles being made accessible via open access' within the next ten years'** n=194

Is there a preference for green or gold OA?

n=175

22%

prefer gold OA for all publications



34%

prefer both gold and green OA for all publications



25%

prefer gold OA for some publications and green OA for all others



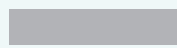
9%

prefer green OA for all publications



7%

stated "other"



3%

stated "no preference"



56% prefer all research publications are published via gold OA (regardless of whether they are also archived via the green route)

Respondent comments

"Open access provides the democratization of information and a greater dissemination of scientific knowledge."

– Respondent, Brazil

"Open Science is on the agenda and several workforces are being created at the time in order to achieve Open Science goals (open access, open data, assessment etc)."

– Respondent, Netherlands

"We're close to reaching the goal of 100% of primary research articles as OA. We need to work much harder on research data sharing, both in terms of policies, practical support and education."

– Respondent, UK

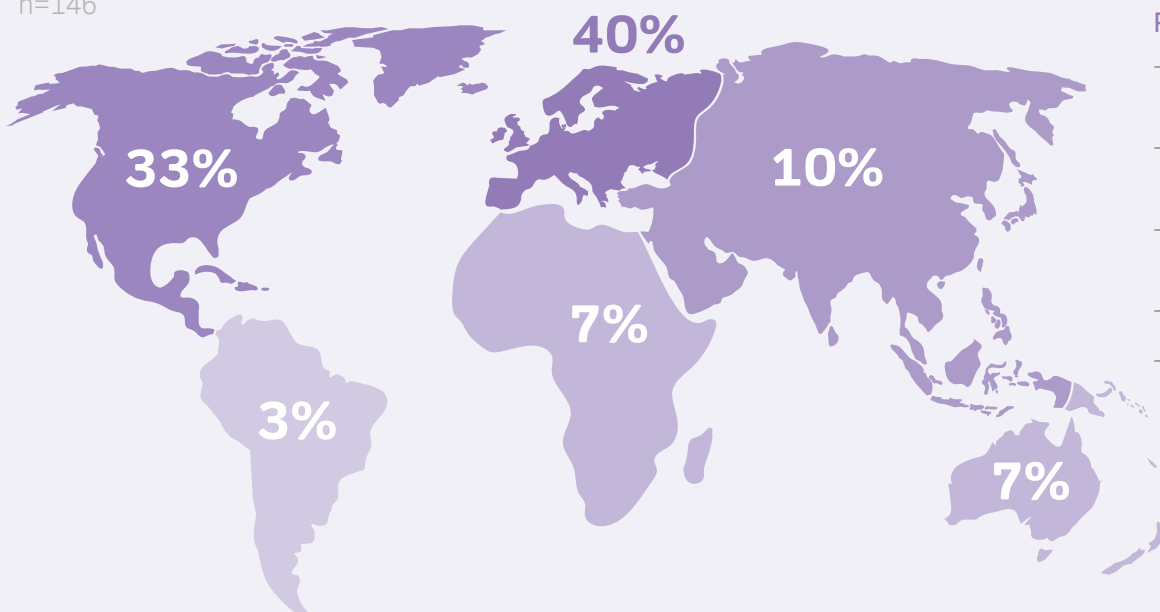
Methodology

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This survey ran from 17 August – 08 September 2017 and was distributed to contacts working in a research institution or research library.

Respondent locations:

n=146



Respondent sectors:

- scholarly communications
- institutional policy
- funding administration
- research data
- publication management