**Librarian Support for Public Access Compliance: Challenges and Opportunities**

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**US Government Mandates**

**The Laws and Orders Upholding Public Access Include:**

- The NIH Public Access Policy implements Division F Section 217 of PI 111-8 (Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009)
- Feb. 22, 2013 Memo from the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP): "Increasing Access to the Results of Federally Funded Scientific Research."
- S. 779/H.R. 1477, the Fair Access to Science and Technology Research (FASTR) Act of 2015; while not yet passed, was in part included in the 2014 Omnibus Appropriations Act.

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**Public Access is the federal mandate that recipients of public or government research funding make the results of their research (publications & data) available in online, free-access repositories.**

- **Training Workshops**
- **Online Tutorials**
- **Consultations & Support for Researchers & Grant Administrators**
- **Librarian Involvement**
- **Coordinate Institutional Efforts with Research Compliance Officers and Major Institutes/Centers**
- **Monitoring Institutional Status and Changes in Requirements**

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**Challenges Include:**

- Getting timely & effective responses from journal publishers
- Lost or unavailable final peer-reviewed manuscripts
- Corresponding author out of reach when PI needs article submitted for grant renewal
- Online system errors (bugs)
- Inaccurate listings in the NIH's Public Access Compliance Monitor
- Researcher frustration - extra work and lack of understanding
- Managing large infrastructure grants
- Confusion between Open Access & Public Access

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**The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Has Led Public Access Compliance Since 2008**

All peer-reviewed publications based on NIH funding must be deposited into PubMed Central (PMC) within 12 months of publication or you may lose your NIH funding.

**Stony Brook University NIH Compliance Status**

The Stony Brook Health Science Library regularly monitors the University’s NIH Compliance Status through the NIH Public Access Compliance Monitor.

As of October 1, 2015, we are
- 90% compliant
- 238 Non-Compliant Papers
- 6 In-Process Papers

**Need Help With Your Paper?**

See the Library Guide: [http://guides.library.stonybrook.edu/nihpap](http://guides.library.stonybrook.edu/nihpap)
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**Developing Mandates:**

- [PAGES](http://www.osti.gov/pages)
- [The National Science Foundation](http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2015/nsf15052/nsf15052.pdf)

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