

# Leading a Campus-Wide Conversation About Open Access

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# OPEN ACCESS:

- Free
- Online
- Minimal copyright and licensing restrictions

# Rice's Open Access Policy:

- Faculty-driven (Faculty Senate)
- Based on University Copyright Policy
- Applies to peer-reviewed journal articles
- Deposit in Rice's institutional repository: the Rice Digital Scholarship Archive
- Authors can request waiver if publisher does not allow deposit in IR
- No penalty for faculty non-compliance







## **Barriers to Policy Implementation:**

- Faculty not aware of policy
- Faculty unwilling to deposit articles in IR

# Successes in Policy Implementation:

- Invites conversations about other scholarly communications issues.
- Positions library to play a key role in new federal public access initiatives.
- Better understanding of how OA issues influence other aspects of the academic environment.





# Thank you!

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