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Federal Research Public Access Act

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Background

Every year, the federal government funds tens of billions of dollars in basic and applied research. Most of this funding is concentrated within 11 departments/agencies (e.g., National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Science Foundation (NSF), Department of Energy). The research results typically are reported in articles published in a wide variety of academic journals. From NIH funding alone, it is estimated that about 65,000 papers are published each year. The Federal Research Public Access Act proposes to make manuscripts reporting on federally funded research publicly available within six months of publication in a journal. See "[Resources](#)" for more information.

Current Status

Yoder Promotes Open Access to Tax-Funded Research

Oct 25, 2012

Tim Carpenter, *The Topeka Capital-Journal*, October 24, 2012

CU Leaders Back Bill that Would Increase Access to Academic Journals

May 7, 2012

Brittany Anas, *Times Call*, May 6, 2012

University of Colorado leaders are advocating for a legislative bill that, if passed by Congress, would make academic journals -- which have been soaring in cost -- more accessible.

Reps. Issa and Maloney Issue Statement on RWA

Feb 29, 2012

"The American people deserve to have access to research for which they have paid. This conversation needs to continue and we have come to the conclusion that the Research Works Act has exhausted the useful role it can play in the debate. As such, we want Americans concerned about access to research and other participants in this debate to know we will not be taking legislative action on HR 3699, the Research Works Act."

Next Steps in Public Access: Tell your Representatives to Support FRPAA

Feb 29, 2012

While the RWA and its damaging implications is no longer an immediate threat, action is still needed to cement stronger footing for public access on Capitol Hill. Education on and support for The Federal Research Public Access Act (FRPAA) is now more important than ever.

Legislation to Bar Public-Access Requirement on Federal Research Is Dead

Feb 27, 2012

Jennifer Howard, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, February 27, 2012

Values and Scholarship

Feb 23, 2012

Inside Higher Ed article from 11 University Provosts supporting FRPAA and against Research Works Act.

AAU-APLU Support FRPAA: Letter to Cornyn

Feb 21, 2012

The Association of American Universities and The Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities write to Senator Cornyn to thank him for the introduction of FRPAA S. 2096 and to support the bill.

Ten Organizations Support FRPAA: Letter to Rep. Doyle

Feb 15, 2012

Ten national and regional library, publishing, research and advocacy institutions write to Rep. Doyle to thank him for the introduction of FRPAA H.R. 4004.

Could Backlash to Research Works Act Boost FRPAA's Odds of Passage?

Feb 14, 2012



Ten Organizations Support FRPAA: Letter to Sen. Cornyn

Feb 14, 2012

act now

Support FRPAA Banners

more you can do

- 1) Contact Congress** now to express your support for public access to taxpayer-funded research and for this bill. Act now through the ATA Legislative Action Center.
- 2) Issue a public statement** of support from your organization and share it widely with members, colleagues, and the media. Send a copy to [sparc \[at\] arl \[dot\] org](mailto:sparc[at]arl[dot]org) to be featured here.
- 3) Join the Alliance** to support the continued advancement of public access to research in the U.S. Institutional membership is FREE.
- 4) Share news** with friends and colleagues. 
- 5) Add this image to your Web site** and show your support for taxpayer access to federally funded research: 
- 6) Explore our Issue pages** for time-sensitive calls to contact Congress and express your support

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Six Texas Chancellors Support FRPAA: Letter to Sen. Cornyn

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Rep. Doyle's Letter to the Speaker about FRPAA

Feb 13, 2012

Cross-Government Open Access Bills Introduced in House and Senate

Feb 10, 2012

Lawmakers Reintroduce Public Access Bill

Feb 10, 2012

The Other Academic Freedom Movement

Feb 10, 2012

Open Science Revolt Occupies Congress

Feb 10, 2012

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Federal Research Public Access Act 2012 FAQ

Feb 9, 2012

Federal Research Public Access Act 2012 Bill

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Alliance for Taxpayer Access Petition in Support of FRPAA

Feb 9, 2012

FRPAA Introduced in House and Senate: Bipartisan measure supports public access to research

Feb 9, 2012

In a move that signals the growing momentum toward openness, transparency, and accessibility to publicly funded information, the Federal Research Public Access Act of 2012 (FRPAA) has been introduced today in both the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives.

As COMPETES Act Is Signed into Law, 'Wait-and-See' Is the Attitude on Further OA Legislation

Jan 24, 2011

Costello does the right thing

Nov 16, 2010

from the *Southern Illinoisan*, letter to the editor by David Carlson, Dean of Library Affairs, Southern Illinois University Carbondale

ACT BY OCTOBER 1 to let Congress know you support the Federal Research Public Access Act

Sep 15, 2010

All supporters of public access – universities and colleges, researchers, libraries, campus administrators, patient advocates, publishers, small businesses, consumers, individuals, and others – are asked to call on your representatives to co-sponsor H.R.5037 or S.1373 BEFORE OCTOBER 1. Talking points are included below.

The Intellectually Dishonest Claims Of Those Fighting Against Open Access To Federally Funded Research

Aug 6, 2010

House Hears New Open Access Fight

Aug 6, 2010

Free Access to U.S. Research Papers Could Yield \$1 Billion in Benefits

Aug 6, 2010

From *Science Magazine*

NEW STUDY EXAMINES THE ECONOMIC RETURNS OF PUBLIC ACCESS POLICIES

Aug 4, 2010

Delivering timely, open, online access to the results of federally funded research in the United States will significantly increase the return on the public's investment in science, according to a new study by John Houghton at the Centre for Strategic Economic Studies at Victoria University. The study, "The Economic and Social Returns on Investment in Open Archiving Publicly Funded Research Outputs," co-authored by Bruce Rasmussen and Peter Sheehan, was released today by SPARC (the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition).

Publisher argues free access to research violates administration's transparency initiative

Aug 2, 2010

by Aliya Sternstein

House Hearing Explores Debate Over Free Access to Journal Articles

Aug 2, 2010

by Jocelyn Kaiser

Lawmakers Hear Arguments for and Against Open Access to Research

Jul 30, 2010

by Jennifer Howard

The Backroad Librarian: Five Forwards

Jul 2, 2010

By Marcel LaFlamme

Keeping rural libraries vital requires keeping them free of charge and pushing for open access to materials. Libraries are people-centers, not warehouses for books.

Update on activities related to public access (May 2010)

May 21, 2010

You deserve access to research

May 21, 2010

by David Carlson, *Southern Illinoisian*

UNT Open Access Symposium -- Letter from Senator John Cornyn

May 18, 2010

Stanford supports bill for public access to research

May 11, 2010

by An Le Nguyen, *The Stanford Daily*

MAJOR RESEARCH INSTITUTION LEADERS SUPPORT LEGISLATION TO ENSURE PUBLIC ACCESS TO PUBLICLY FUNDED RESEARCH

May 3, 2010

The provosts and presidents of 27 major private and public research institutions have voiced their support for the Federal Research Public Access Act in an "Open Letter to the Higher Education Community," released Friday by the Harvard University Provost. The Act, first introduced in the Senate last year, was introduced in the House of Representatives on April 15. The letter signals expanded support for public access to publicly funded research among the largest research institutions in the U.S.

Federal Research Access Bill Making Progress in Congress

Apr 22, 2010

By Josh Hadro, *Library Journal*

Press conference: Congressman Doyle to address new bill to unlock U.S. \$60 billion investment in research

Apr 21, 2010

FRPAA's back!

Apr 20, 2010

By Bob Grant, from *The Scientist*

FRPAA - another small step for mankind?

Apr 20, 2010

A letter of support for the FRPAA bill from the Electronic Publishing Trust for Development, April 20th 2010

A Bill to Make Federal Research Available Online

Apr 19, 2010

By Cecilia King, *The Washington Post*

House bill would open up taxpayer-funded research

Apr 19, 2010

By Kim Hart, *The Hill*

U.S. Congress Moves On Open Public Access Bill

Apr 19, 2010

By Andrew Albanese, *Publishers Weekly*

House Bill Proposes a Federal Open-Access Policy

Apr 19, 2010

From *GenomeWeb* Daily News

Lieberman's Open Access Bill Gets Some Company

Apr 18, 2010

By David Bruggeman

Federal Research Public Access Act introduced in US House of Representatives

Apr 16, 2010

From *KnowledgeSpeak*

Call to action: Tell Congress you support the Federal Research Public Access Act

Apr 16, 2010

Yesterday (April 15), Representatives Doyle (D-PA), Waxman (D-CA), Wasserman-Schultz (D-FL), Harper (R-MS), Boucher (D-VA) and Rohrabacher (R-CA) introduced the Federal Research Public Access Act (HR 5037), a bill that would ensure free, timely, online access to the published results of research funded by eleven U.S. federal agencies. **All supporters of public access – universities and colleges, researchers, libraries, campus administrators, patient advocates, publishers, consumers, individuals, and others – are asked to ACT NOW to support this bill.**

STM publishers sounded like the health insurance companies

Apr 15, 2010

By John N. Berry III, from *Library Journal*

Congress takes another stride toward public access to research

Apr 15, 2010

Fueling the growing momentum toward openness, transparency, and accessibility to publicly funded information, the Federal Research Public Access Act of 2010 (FRPAA) has been introduced today in the U.S. House of Representatives by Rep. Mike Doyle (D-PA) and a bi-partisan host of co-sponsors. The proposed bill would build on the success of the first U.S. mandate for public access to the published results of publicly funded research at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and require federal agencies with annual extramural research budgets of \$100 million or more to provide the public with online access to research manuscripts stemming from funded research no later than six months after publication in a peer-reviewed journal.

Scientists Embrace Openness

Apr 9, 2010

From *Science*, by Chelsea Wald

Panel Calls on U.S. Agencies to Require Free Access to Research Papers

Jan 13, 2010

By Jocelyn Kaiser - *Science Insider*

White House Signals Interest in Open Access with Public Call for Comments

Dec 17, 2009

Josh Hadro - *Library Journal*

Obama's Open Government Plan Includes Open Access for Research Publications

Dec 11, 2009

NEW ENGLAND UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS BACK BILL FOR PUBLIC ACCESS

Nov 23, 2009

The Presidents of six public universities in New England have issued a letter of support for the Federal Research Public Access Act (S.1373), demonstrating that commitment to public access to publicly funded research resides at the top-most level of research institution administration. Together, these six land-grant universities enroll over 100,000 students, confer ~17% of the bachelor's and 20% of the doctoral degrees in New England, and invest more than \$700 million annually on research with the support of federal grants.

Nobel Prize-winning scientists support online access to federally funded research results to spur innovation

Nov 16, 2009

By Heather Joseph

Learning to Share

Nov 12, 2009

By Zoe Corbyn & Matthew Reisz, *Times Higher Education*

Nobel Prize Winning Scientists Say Federally Funded Research Should Be Available Free Online

Nov 11, 2009

By Mike Masnick, *TechDirt*

An Open Letter to the U.S. Congress Signed by 41 Nobel Prize Winners (November 2009)

Nov 10, 2009

Open access bill stalls in Congress

Oct 8, 2009

Posted by Bob Grant, at *The Scientist*

GWLA Chief Academic and Research Officers Support FRPAA

Oct 1, 2009

Open Letter on Open Access

Sep 23, 2009

Inside Higher Ed. September 23, 2009

57 College Presidents Declare Support for Legislation to Ensure Public Access to Publicly Funded Research in the U.S.

Sep 23, 2009

The Presidents of 57 liberal arts colleges in the U.S., representing 22 states, have declared their support for the Federal Research Public Access Act (S. 1373) in an Open Letter released today. The letter is the first from higher education administrators to be issued in support of the 2009 bill, and further reinforcement that support for the Act exists at the highest levels of the higher education community. The presidents' letter notes, "Adoption of the Federal Research Public Access Act will democratize access to research information funded by tax dollars. It will benefit of education, research, and the general public."

University of California Academic Council adopted a support position at its July meeting [PDF]

Sep 22, 2009

Genetic Alliance Thanks Senator Cornyn for Support of FRPAA [PDF]

Sep 14, 2009

Autism Speaks Writes Senator Lieberman In Support of FRPAA [PDF]

Sep 13, 2009

Autism Speaks Writes Senator Cornyn In Support of FRPAA [PDF]

Sep 13, 2009

ALA calls FRPAA "key issue"

Sep 11, 2009

By Peter Suber, from *Open Access News*

Statement of Support from IssueLab on FRPAA

Sep 4, 2009

Academic Council of the University of California System supports FRPAA

Aug 27, 2009

Net Coalition in Support of the The Federal Research Public Access Act of 2009

Aug 13, 2009

Bill aims to provide taxpayers access to publicly funded research

Jul 28, 2009

ATA encourages Senators to co-sponsor FRPAA

Jul 28, 2009

OXFAM America supports FRPAA [PDF]

Jul 28, 2009

Universities Allied for Essential Medicines (UAEM) supports FRPAA [PDF]

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Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) supports FRPAA [PDF]

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Essential Action supports FRPAA [PDF]

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IP Justice (IPJ) supports FRPAA [PDF]

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Knowledge Ecology International supports FRPAA [PDF]

Jul 28, 2009

Harvard University Provost supports FRPAA

Jul 16, 2009

The following letter in support of Senate bill S.1373 was sent to the senators representing Harvard University, with similar letters to the sponsoring senators and the chairman and ranking member of the Homeland Security Committee.

Frequently Asked Questions (S.1373)

Jul 9, 2009

Bill Overview (S.1373) [PDF]

Jul 9, 2009

Summary (S1373)

Jul 9, 2009

National research organizations support the Federal Research Public Access Act of 2009

Jul 2, 2009

Federal Research Public Access Act (FRPAA) Reintroduced in Senate

Jul 2, 2009

by Andrew Richard Albanese, *Library Journal*

Letter from The Rockefeller University Press in support of FRPAA [pdf]

Jun 29, 2009

Senator Lieberman on FRPAA for the Congressional Record, June 26, 2009

Jun 26, 2009

View the long list of supporters from 2006

Jun 25, 2009

Text of the bill (S.1373)

Jun 25, 2009

Sens. Cornyn & Lieberman Team Up To Increase Public Access To Taxpayer Funded Research

Jun 25, 2009

Taxpayer Alliance applauds bill to broaden access to federal research results

Jun 25, 2009

Federal Research Public Access Act introduced today

The Alliance for Taxpayer Access is administered by The Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC)
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