

# NIH Public Access Policy Details

## <http://publicaccess.nih.gov/index.htm>

The NIH Public Access Policy implements Division G, Title II, Section 218 of PL 110-161 (Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008). The law states:

*The Director of the National Institutes of Health shall require that all investigators funded by the NIH submit or have submitted for them to the National Library of Medicine's PubMed Central an electronic version of their final, peer-reviewed manuscripts upon acceptance for publication, to be made publicly available no later than 12 months after the official date of publication: Provided, That the NIH shall implement the public access policy in a manner consistent with copyright law.*

### **Specifics**

1. The NIH Public Access Policy applies to all peer-reviewed articles that arise, in whole or in part, from direct costs funded by NIH, or from NIH staff, that are accepted for publication on or after April 7, 2008.
2. Institutions and investigators are responsible for ensuring that any publishing or copyright agreements concerning submitted articles fully comply with this Policy.
3. PubMed Central (PMC) is the NIH digital archive of full-text, peer-reviewed journal articles. Its content is publicly accessible and integrated with other databases (see: <http://www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov/>).
4. The final, peer-reviewed manuscript includes all graphics and supplemental materials that are associated with the article.
5. Beginning May 25, 2008, anyone submitting an application, proposal or progress report to the NIH must include the PMC or NIH Manuscript Submission reference number when citing applicable articles that arise from their NIH funded research. This policy includes applications submitted to the NIH for the May 25, 2008 due date and subsequent due dates.

### **Compliance**

Compliance with this Policy is a statutory requirement and a term and condition of the grant award and cooperative agreement, in accordance with the *NIH Grants Policy Statement*. For contracts, NIH includes this requirement in all R&D solicitations and awards under Section H, Special Contract Requirements, in accordance with the Uniform Contract Format.

Public Access Policy Flowchart

Look at the citation. Is the citation from 2008 or later?

YES

NO

DO Nothing

Ask the faculty Member if the article was funded by NIH.

NO

YES

Put "Not funded by NIH" at the end of the citation.

Is the journal listed on the Journal List?  
[http://publicaccess.nih.gov/submit\\_process\\_journals.htm](http://publicaccess.nih.gov/submit_process_journals.htm)

YES

NO

Was the article published after the "start date" for that journal on the list?

YES

NO

Put "PMC Journal - In Process" at the end of the citation.

Check back in 3 months. Is the PMID# there?

YES

NO

Go to Pub Med and search for the article.  
<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/corehtml/query/static/citmatch.html>  
Is there a PMID #?

YES

NO

Put the PMID # at the end of the citation

Deposit the final peer-reviewed manuscript in PMC yourself via the NIH Manuscript Submission System (NIHMS).  
<http://www.nihms.nih.gov/>

Within 3 months from getting NIHMS# you need to change it to the PMID #

Put the NIHMS # at the end of the citation.