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# AN OPEN ACCESS POLICY FOR UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS SCHOLARSHIP

## Proposed Policy

The faculty of the University of Kansas (KU) is committed to sharing the intellectual fruits of its research and scholarship as widely as possible and lowering barriers to its access. In recognition of that commitment and responsibility, the KU faculty is determined to take advantage of new technologies to increase access to its work by the citizens of Kansas and scholars, educators, and policymakers worldwide. In support of greater openness in scholarly endeavors, the KU faculty agrees to the following policy:

Each faculty member grants to KU permission to make scholarly articles to which he or she made substantial intellectual contributions publicly available, and to exercise the copyright in those articles. In legal terms, the permission granted by each faculty member is a nonexclusive, irrevocable, paid-up, worldwide license to exercise any and all rights under copyright relating to each of his or her scholarly articles, in any medium, and to authorize others to do the same, provided that the articles are not sold for a profit. This license in no way interferes with the rights of the KU faculty author as the copyright holder of the work.

The policy will apply to all scholarly articles authored or co-authored while a faculty member of KU. The provisions of the KU open access policy will be expressed to publishers by means of an addendum to the traditional copyright agreement. The Provost's designate will waive application of the policy for particular articles, upon request by KU faculty members, without any justification required; faculty members will be able to "opt out" of participation on a yearly basis.

Within 30 days of the date of publication, faculty members will provide an electronic copy of the final version of the article at no charge to the Provost's designate, who will make the article available to the public in KU ScholarWorks, KU's open-access repository. This policy will be implemented over the 2009-2010 academic year, with the expectation of being fully functional by the 2010-2011 academic year. Faculty governance, in concert with the Provost, will be responsible for interpreting this policy, resolving disputes concerning its interpretation and application, and recommending changes to the KU faculty from time to time. The policy will be reviewed by faculty governance and the Provost after three years, and a report presented to the faculty.