**NIH Public Access Policy – How to Assure ISU Researchers Are Compliant**

As you are probably aware, the [NIH Public Access Policy](http://publicaccess.nih.gov/policy.htm) ensures that the public has access to the published results of NIH funded research. It requires scientists to submit final peer-reviewed journal manuscripts that arise from NIH funds to the digital archive [PubMed Central](http://www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov/) upon acceptance for publication.  The policy requires that these papers are accessible to the public on PubMed Central no later than 12 months after publication. This policy applies **only** to NIH funded research.

**NIH has indicated that it will withhold continuation funding on NIH awards if the PI or the research team funded on the award is not compliant with this policy.**

To help institutions assure that their researchers are compliant, NIH recently released the Public Access Compliance Monitor (<http://www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov/utils/pacm>/), a web-based tool that institutions can use to track compliance of publications that fall under the NIH Public Access Policy. For more information on the Public Access Compliance Monitor, see NIH Guide Notice NOT-OD-13-020 (<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-13-020.html>).

If you would like to monitor the status of **NIH-funded** ISU researcher publications, the NIH Public Access Compliance Monitor provides the current compliance status of all journal articles that NIH believes a particular grantee institution is responsible for under the terms of the Public Access Policy.  If you would like to monitor your publications or the publications of your PIs or researchers, you will need to hold a special role in NIH eRA Commons called the Public Access Compliance Role or “PACR.”

Please contact [OSPA-proposals@iastate.edu](mailto:OSPA-proposals@iastate.edu) with your name and contact information if you would like to monitor compliance for your researchers.   The persons assigned the PACR role will be able to monitor compliance using My NCBI (National Center for Biotechnology Information).  See <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ks46w3mNAQE> for a video tour of My NCBI.

For more information about accessing and using the Public Access Compliance Monitor, please see the user guide at <http://www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov/utils/pacm/> .  
  
The Parks Library has created a website that provides an overview of the NIH Public Access Policy as well as compliance assistance at <http://instr.iastate.libguides.com/nihpublicaccess>.  Dr. Andrea L. Dinkelman from Parks Library has also graciously offered to assist researchers who may be experiencing difficulties in complying with the policy due to problems or issues with journal publishers. Dr. Dinkelman can be reached at 4-6943 (Parks Library) or 4-2233 (Vet Med Library) or by email at [adinkelm@iastate.edu](mailto:adinkelm@iastate.edu).

Please contact OSPA at 4-5225 or [ospa-proposals@iastate.edu](mailto:ospa-proposals@iastate.edu) if you would like more information about the NIH Public Access Compliance Monitor or the NIH Public Access Policy. Thank you for your assistance monitoring publications funded by NIH.