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Dear UP Researcher

In February 2009 UP Executive and the Senate approved a policy for the online collection of the full text of research papers published by UP staff and students in order to make them freely available on the web to anyone with a non-commercial need for the information. This will ensure that nobody is prevented from reading your articles because they do not have access to the published journal.

The most important benefits for you are

- more readers for your articles at an early stage and hence more citations;
- an updated list of all your publications while you are employed by the university;
- simplified and more effective research reporting.

The policy, which is attached to this letter and which is available online at <http://www.up.ac.za/intranet/registrar/index.html>, will come into effect on 1 July and will have the following implications for you:

- you are **required** to submit the final version of the manuscript of each research paper to UPspace (<https://www.up.ac.za/dspace/>), after it has been accepted for publication, peer reviewed and corrected;
- you are **required** to comply with the policies of research funders such as the Wellcome Trust regarding the archiving of research papers;
- you are **requested** to negotiate with publishers with very harsh copyright regimes in order to retain limited rights for yourself, the University and the research community;
- you are **requested** to consider accredited open access journals when deciding where to publish your research.

Your concerns about copyright and the publishers' position on mandates and archiving receive our serious and ongoing attention. The Library Service takes responsibility for adhering to publishers' regulations at all times.

The Library Service will manage the implementation of the mandate as part of its Open Scholarly Communication Programme (openUP). Guidelines, advice and help is available on the web at <http://openup.library.up.ac.za/> and at your faculty library.



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