

# NIH PUBLIC ACCESS POLICY and RESEARCHERS @ NC STATE

As of **April 7, 2008**, the NIH Public Access Policy requires **all peer-reviewed articles** that arise from NIH funds to be deposited, **upon acceptance for publication**, in the publicly accessible digital archive PubMed Central, and to be made publicly available **no later than 12 months** after publication.

## It's The Law

This policy has a legal basis and implements Division G, Title II, Section 218 of PL 110-161 (Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008).

The policy **applies** to **NIH funded**

- **Peer-reviewed** journal articles including
  - research reports and
  - reviews.

It does **NOT** apply to...

- Non-peer-reviewed works including
  - correspondence,
  - book chapters and
  - editorials.

## Important Dates

### October 1, 2007 – September 30, 2008

The policy applies to your peer-reviewed article if it was directly funded by an NIH grant or cooperative agreement active during Fiscal Year 2008 (October 1, 2007 – September 30, 2008) and beyond.

### April 7, 2008

As of April 7, 2008 the policy applies to all peer-reviewed articles arising from NIH funds, including contracts awarded after this date.

### May 25, 2008

As of May 25, 2008 all NIH applications, proposals, and progress reports must include the PubMed Central reference number (e.g. PMCID: 123456). If one is not yet available for your citation, you may use the NIH Manuscript Submission system reference number instead (NIHMS ID).

## Want to Know More?

NCSU Libraries is collaborating with the Sponsored Programs and Regulatory Compliance Services to assist researchers at NC State understand and comply with this new NIH Public Access Policy. For questions specific to **policy compliance at NC State**, see the reverse of this sheet or contact,

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Further questions regarding the **NIH Public Access Policy in general** may be answered by their FAQ page: <http://publicaccess.nih.gov/FAQ.htm>, or by sending an email to: [PublicAccess@nih.gov](mailto:PublicAccess@nih.gov).

# HOW TO COMPLY IN 3 STEPS

## 1. Address Copyright When Signing the Publisher's Agreement.

**Before you sign a publication agreement** or similar copyright transfer agreement, make sure that the agreement allows the article to be submitted to NIH in accordance with the Public Access policy.

To comply make sure you **include the following language in your agreement**, which would allow you to use your own works for teaching and research purposes, as well as comply with the NIH Public Access policy:

*"Owner hereby grants the author a non-exclusive, world-wide, royalty-free perpetual and irrevocable right and license to copy, distribute, display, and perform this Work, in whole or in part, and to incorporate the Work, in whole or in part, in his/her teaching and research activities including publication of the Work on the author's non-profit educational Web site and to fulfill deposit mandates from funding agencies such as the NIH."*

For further help in addressing copyright with publishers, see the Digital Scholarship and Publishing Center's page on retaining your rights: [http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/dspc/rights\\_retention.html](http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/dspc/rights_retention.html) or contact

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## 2. Submit the Article to PubMed Central via NIH.

**Upon acceptance for publication**, you must submit an electronic copy of the **peer-reviewed manuscript**, using the NIH Manuscript Submission system at <http://www.nihms.nih.gov>, to be made publicly available **no later than 12 months after publication**.

Some journals may make submissions on your behalf; however you may still have responsibilities to submit additional documentation. For more information and a list of journals that submit articles on your behalf, see the NIH FAQ at <http://publicaccess.nih.gov/FAQ.htm#d1>

You are also encouraged to submit your works to NC State's Scholarly Publications Repository at, <http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/repository/scholpubs>

## 3. Cite the Article Including the PMCID.

As of **May 25, 2008**, when citing an article in NIH applications, proposals, and progress reports that fall under this Policy, you must include the NIHMS or the PMCID. Here is an example:

Cerrato, A., et al., Genetic interactions between *Drosophila melanogaster* menin and Jun/Fos. *Dev Biol.* 2006 Oct 1; 298(1): 59-70. PMCID: PMC2291284