Scholarly papers are often archived in disparate, expensive-to-access, hard-to-search information spaces - locked away from community organizations, partners and others who could benefit from it. **It doesn’t have to be that way.**

**Open Access** is the process through which quality research is made openly, freely and permanently accessible through the Internet. It is available to all potential partners wherever they may be located.

The **Open Access** initiatives and services offered by the **University of Guelph Library** assist scholars desiring transparent collaboration and open sharing of research results between themselves, their partners and with society.

**The Library** supports **university-community** partnership with services that include:

- a virtual research environment to facilitate collaboration and information sharing
- an online environment for hosting conferences
- an open access peer-reviewed journal publishing platform
- a suite of services to assist with data management
- support to faculty wishing to archive their published work in the **Atrium**, the UG institutional OA repository
- **and more...**

**Did you know?**

If you receive, or plan to apply for research funding dollars, the Tri-council **endorses Open Access publishing!**

**Published research outputs** with **Open Access** allows you to go beyond the confines of academia, making scholarly work findable and usable by civil society organisations and non-academic partners for free. Not only does OA enhance trust and reciprocity between partners but OA supports global and community sustainability by providing direct access to scholarly research outputs to everyone.

**How can my partnership join the movement?**

Around the globe, many are committed to making the world’s research literature a public resource. Join the movement by encouraging your partners to publish with OA.

**The Research Shop** encourages researchers to endorse the concept of open access by depositing scholarly output in an open access repository such as the University of Guelph’s institutional repository, the **Atrium**.

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