

Geneva Graduate Institute Open Access Policy

Preamble

The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (hereafter “the Geneva Graduate Institute”) is committed to maximising the visibility, accessibility, and impact of the research produced by its community. This Open Access Policy (hereafter “the Policy”) reaffirms the Geneva Graduate Institute’s dedication to treating knowledge as a public good and to ensuring that research outputs are freely available to scholars, students, and the wider public.

In line with the [Swiss National Open Access Strategy](#), jointly coordinated by swissuniversities and the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF), as well as the open access requirements of the SNSF and international research frameworks such as Horizon Europe, the Geneva Graduate Institute is committed to making its scholarly publications accessible in open access.

Open access supports the Geneva Graduate Institute’s mission to advance scientific progress while also increasing the discoverability and citation of its research outputs. Furthermore, it broadens the societal impact of research by ensuring access for a wider audience, including researchers, practitioners, and organisations.

1. Scope and Applicability

The Geneva Graduate Institute is committed to making its scholarly publications openly accessible in support of its mission to produce and share knowledge on international relations, development issues, global challenges, and governance.

This Policy applies to all scholarly or scientific publications — including journal articles, book chapters, conference proceedings, monographs, research reports, and dissertations — authored by faculty members, researchers and students during their employment or affiliation with the Geneva Graduate Institute.

2. Open Access Commitment and Recommendations

The Geneva Graduate Institute expects its researchers and staff to publish all their scholarly output in open access. As far as possible, scholarly output should be made available immediately, without restriction, under an open license, and not subject to an embargo.

When offered a choice in the license of their publication, researchers should pick the most open option (e.g. CC BY).

There are three options to follow this recommendation:

1. Publishing an article or book chapter in a **fully open access journal or book**, with or without publication costs to be paid (article processing charge [APC] or book processing charge [BPC])¹
2. Publishing an open access article in a hybrid journal² within the framework of an existing “Read and Publish” agreement³ (hybrid open access)
3. Depositing a complete version of the publication (author’s accepted manuscript [AAM]⁴) on the **repository of the Geneva Graduate Institute under an open license, without an embargo** (green open access)

In all cases, researchers of the Institute **must** send their AAMs to the Library of the Geneva Graduate Institute (hereafter “the Library”) between the time of acceptance by the publisher and the time of publication. The AAMs will be made available on the repository of the Geneva Graduate Institute according to the publisher’s policy.

Whenever possible, at the time of submission to a publisher, corresponding authors affiliated with the Geneva Graduate Institute are encouraged to retain ownership of their work and claim the right to publish their AAM on the institutional repository under an open licence, without an embargo or, as the case may be, with a duration of an embargo as short as possible.⁵

The Geneva Graduate Institute also encourages researchers to make their preprints (working papers or submitted manuscripts) available on recognised open access repositories, according to the conventions of their different disciplines. Archiving a publication on a social media, such as Academia or ResearchGate, on the research project’s website or on the author’s personal website does not comply with this Policy.

Additionally, the Geneva Graduate Institute supports the publication of open access books and articles in fully open access journals through a dedicated fund managed by the Library: the Geneva Graduate Institute’s Open Access Publication Fund. The Geneva Graduate Institute also supports open access initiatives such as journal flipping, open infrastructure, and national projects.

¹ The [Directory of Open Access Journals \(DOAJ\)](#) and the [Directory of Open Access Books \(DOAB\)](#) list 100% open access journals and books. These are called “gold” journals and books. The subset of gold open access that does not require APC/BPC is called “diamond” or “platinum” open access.

² A hybrid journal is a paywalled journal publishing some open access articles.

³ A Read and Publish agreement is an agreement whereby the Geneva Graduate Institute pays a publisher for a subscription, which allows its staff to access the journal free of charge and publish their articles in it at no additional costs (APCs) for the authors. The list of Read and Publish agreements executed by the Geneva Graduate Institute is available [here](#).

⁴ The author’s accepted manuscript is the version of the manuscript accepted by the publisher, after peer review and revisions but before editing and production of the copy for final publication.

⁵ Rights retention is [supported by the SNSF](#) and other research institutions.

Open access may also be strictly required by the funders. [Open Policy Finder](#) allows researchers to check funder requirements for open access publication.

3. Research Assessment and Open Access Incentives

The Geneva Graduate Institute is committed to research assessment practices that recognise excellence, originality, and impact on the basis of the scientific content of research. In this spirit, open science practices — including open access publishing, data sharing, and engagement beyond academia — are valued for their role in enhancing the visibility, accessibility, and reach of research outputs.

4. Implementation and Monitoring

This Policy is supported by an implementation plan overseen jointly by the Library and the Research Office of the Geneva Graduate Institute. Progress will be reviewed annually, and the Policy itself will undergo a full evaluation every three years by the Geneva Graduate Institute's Publications Committee, together with representatives from the Research Office and the Library.

5. Resources and Support

The Geneva Graduate Institute supports open access structurally (institutional repository, agreements with publishers, financial support for open access initiatives, etc.) and individually with financial resources, training, and administrative support.

The Library provides comprehensive support to help researchers navigate open access publishing options and comply with funder requirements. Specialist advisors are available for individual consultations on all aspects of open access, from selecting appropriate publication venues to understanding publisher policies. The Library maintains detailed guidance through [online guides covering key topics](#) such as the SNSF's open access requirements, Horizon Europe compliance, Read and Publish agreements, and the Rights Retention Strategy. Researchers can access financial support through the Geneva Graduate Institute's Open Access Publication Fund.

The Library offers regular training sessions on open access pathways and hands-on assistance with formulating rights retention statements, depositing publications in the repository and verifying publisher policies. For questions or to schedule a consultation, researchers are encouraged to contact library@graduateinstitute.ch.

This Policy was adopted by the Collège Académique on 19 May 2026.