



*Baku State University*

## Open Access Policy of Baku State University

### SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS





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Baku State University (hereinafter referred to as BSU) is an advanced scientific, educational, and research institution aimed at serving the interests and development of the Republic of Azerbaijan. BSU's mission is to provide education, conduct research, and present scientific research outcomes to the widest possible audience in a manner that meets labor market and societal needs.



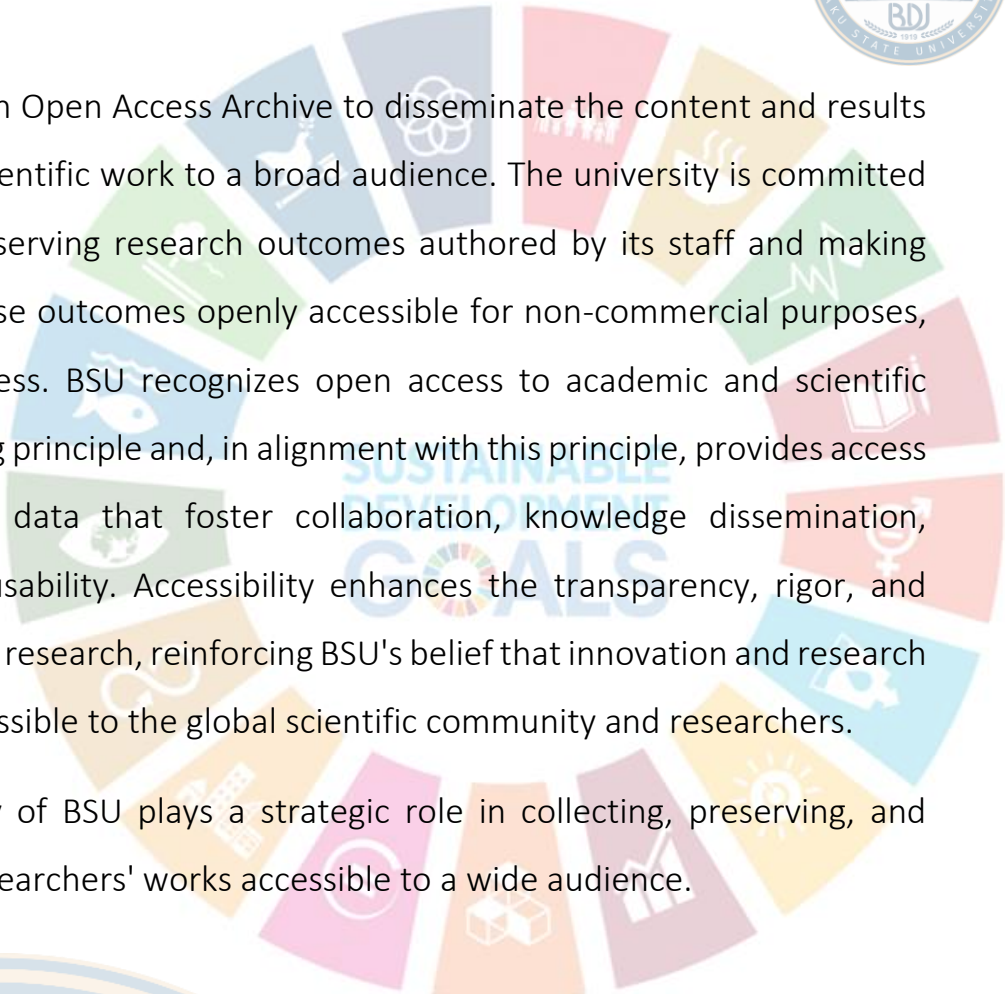
To achieve its goals in education, science, innovation, internationalization, and socialization, BSU prepares globally competitive, secular, and nationally aware specialists for the international and local labor markets. By training creative, proactive, critically thinking, and independent decision-making professionals, researchers, and scientists across all levels of higher education, BSU significantly contributes to the country.





BSU aims to create an Open Access Archive to disseminate the content and results of its researchers' scientific work to a broad audience. The university is committed to archiving and preserving research outcomes authored by its staff and making selected parts of these outcomes openly accessible for non-commercial purposes, promoting open access. BSU recognizes open access to academic and scientific resources as a guiding principle and, in alignment with this principle, provides access to publications and data that foster collaboration, knowledge dissemination, accessibility, and reusability. Accessibility enhances the transparency, rigor, and efficiency of scientific research, reinforcing BSU's belief that innovation and research should be freely accessible to the global scientific community and researchers.

The Scientific Library of BSU plays a strategic role in collecting, preserving, and making university researchers' works accessible to a wide audience.



### Definition of Open Access

Open access refers to the unrestricted, digital availability of researchers' scientific work content and results without payment.





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## Objectives

1. To ensure the systematic collection and long-term preservation of the results of scientific research conducted at BSU.
2. To make the content and outcomes of scientific research conducted at BSU accessible to a broad audience.

## Resources Covered by the Open Access Archive

This policy applies to all researchers at BSU. Research conducted by BSU researchers outside the university may also be included in the archive.

### Scientific works protected by authorship rights include:

- Research articles
- Conference proceedings
- Theses
- Textbooks
- Teaching aids
- Methodological guides
- Software
- Project reports
- Dissertations

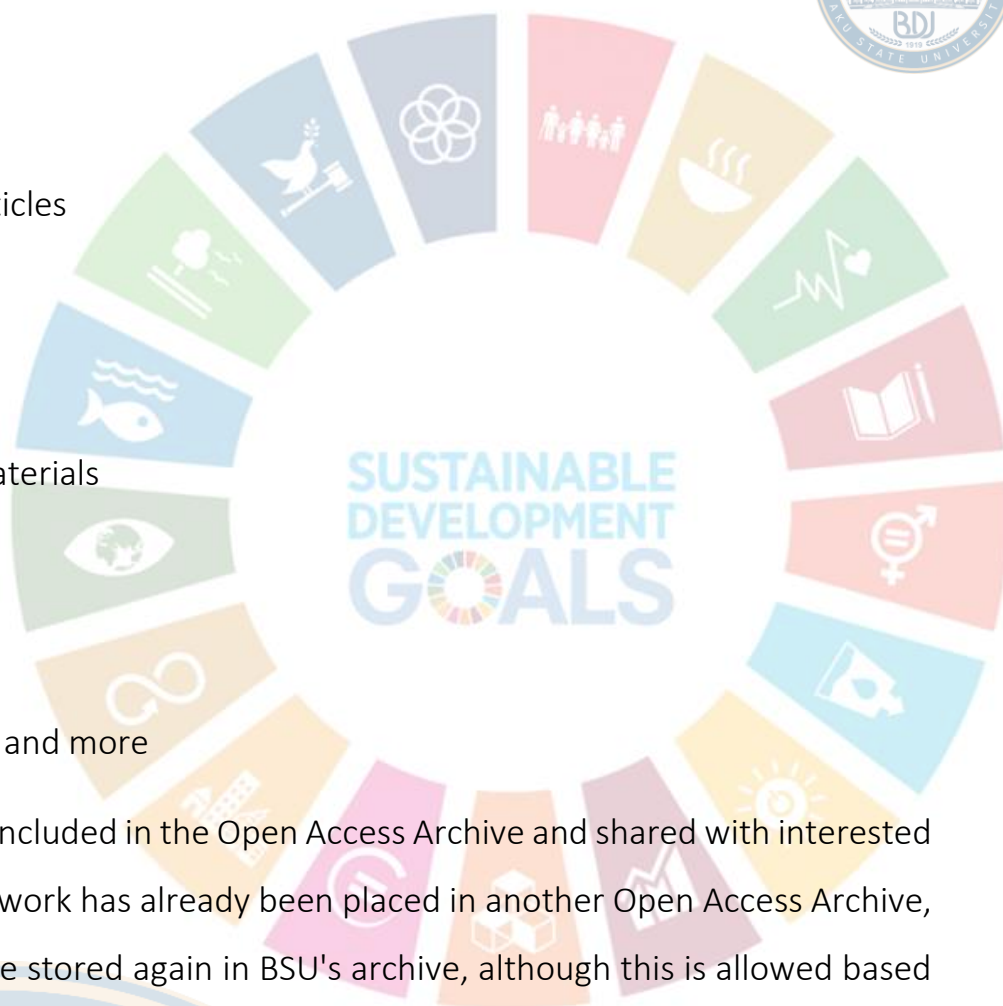


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- Abstracts
- Newspaper articles
- Book chapters
- Reviews
- Audiovisual materials
- Images
- Videos
- Presentations, and more



These resources are included in the Open Access Archive and shared with interested parties. If a research work has already been placed in another Open Access Archive, it does not need to be stored again in BSU's archive, although this is allowed based on the researcher's preference.

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### Conditions for Resource Collection and Preservation

BSU researchers agree to the following conditions for the collection and long-term preservation of research results:

- The latest versions of all academic research works with intellectual and creative contributions from BSU researchers are stored in BSU's Open Access Archive, except for specific restricted studies.





- The Scientific Library collaborates with researchers interested in placing their works in the archive.
- The library coordinates the secure archiving of all scientific research works in the Open Access Archive.

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### Access to Research Published in Journals

- **Placement:** Researchers upload the approved digital version of their articles to BSU's Open Access Archive no later than the publication date.
- **Open Access Options:** Authors can select appropriate parameters to make their research publicly accessible immediately or after a restricted period (not exceeding six months), considering agreements with publishers and personal archiving preferences.

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### Legal Requirements and Licensing

Researchers agree to store their works in the Open Access Archive in compliance with intellectual property and accessibility principles. This archive, managed by BSU's Scientific Library, aligns with global licensing agreements without breaching publisher contracts.

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### Co-Authored Research

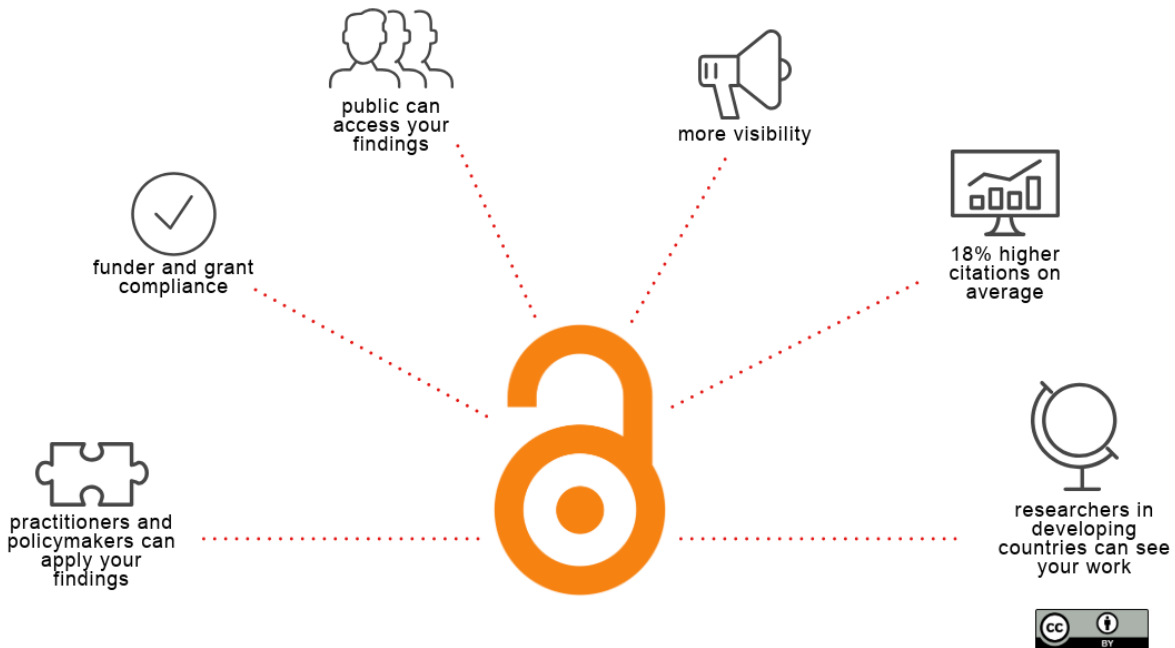


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BSU researchers can store co-authored research works in the archive, even if involving multiple institutions. For works co-authored by multiple BSU researchers, the lead author manages the archival process.



### Policy Implementation

Disputes or misunderstandings arising from this policy, as well as potential amendments, are resolved under the guidelines established in the Regulations for Ensuring the Implementation of the Open Access Policy. The commission responsible for implementing the Open Access Policy operates under these regulations, defining its scope, responsibilities, and composition.