Green Open Access

Green Open Access (also known as self-archiving) is a practice within scholarly publishing that involves authors depositing a version of their research paper or manuscript in a publicly accessible repository (such as an institutional repository or a subject-specific repository).

This version could be either the preprint (the version of the paper before peer review) or the postprint (the final version of the paper after peer review, but before the publisher’s formatting - also known as the author’s accepted manuscript).

This deposited version is made freely accessible to the public, allowing anyone to read, download, and sometimes reuse the research without encountering paywalls or subscription barriers.

Green Open Access is one of the routes to achieving open access to scholarly literature, providing broader access to research outputs and contributing to the dissemination of knowledge.

Benefits of Green Open Access

- Increased access to research: Green open access makes research available to a wider audience, including researchers who do not have access to expensive journals.
- Increased impact of research: Green open access can lead to more citations for research, which can help to improve the reputation of the researcher and their institution.
- Faster dissemination of research: Green open access can make research available to the public more quickly than traditional publishing methods.
- Greater public engagement with research: Green open access can help to raise awareness of research among the public and encourage them in discussions about scientific issues.

Research Database

Institutional repository of Sabanci University is called as “Research Database”. It was established in 2007 and after all process finished, it was opened to entire world in January 2008. Repository includes both the “publications” and the “avants” of the faculty members, but only the “publications” are accessible for users.

The main “publication” types used in the repository can be found below. These item types are evolving according to the needs of the users.

- Article
- Papers in Conference Proceedings
- Book
- Book Section / Chapter
- Monograph

The users can archive different versions of their publications in the repository. According to this, deposited items may include:

- Working drafts
- Submitted drafts (as sent to journals for peer-review)
- Accepted versions (author’s final peer-reviewed drafts)
- Online First / Published versions (publisher-created files)

The repository can only accept the publications which are addressed as “Sabanci University”.

As Sabanci University, we encourage our researchers to add their publications to the database and open the full text to public if possible. “SherpaRomeo” is taken as a reference point for the copyright policies.

Statistics of the Research Database

[Charts and Diagrams showing research database statistics]