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FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES



OPEN SCIENCE POLICY
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The Open Science Policy of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Split was prepared on the basis of the *Open Science Policy of the University of Split*, which serves as the framework document for establishing open science policies at the constituent units of the University of Split.

The Open Science Policy of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Split was adopted at the 1st regular session of the Faculty Council in the 2025/2026 academic year, held on 22 October 2025.

Preamble

The Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Split (hereinafter: the Faculty) hereby adopts the Open Science Policy of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Split (hereinafter: the Policy) on the grounds of the Croatian Open Access Declaration (2012), the UNESCO Recommendation on Open Science (2021), the Research and Innovation Strategy 2020–2024: EU Open Science Policy, the European Commission Recommendation on access to and preservation of scientific information, the Croatian Open Science Plan (2025), the University of Split Research Strategy 2022–2026 and the Development Strategy of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Split 2021–2025, and in accordance with the Open Science Policy of the University of Split adopted at the session of the Senate of the University of Split held on 30 March 2023. The aim of the Policy is to promote the principles of open science by increasing the transparency of the entire research process through the sharing of research data, methods and results with the scientific community and the public, as well as to promote open educational resources aimed at enabling learning anytime and anywhere.

Definition of Open Science

Open science is an approach to science in which the entire research process is transparent and open to the participation, collaboration and contributions of all interested stakeholders. Research results, methods, all collected and processed data and other elements of the research process, as well as publications resulting from research, are freely shared and made available under conditions that permit their reuse and further sharing and enable the research itself to be reproduced and verified. Although the concept of **open science** is not in itself new to scientific thought and the sharing of information, it represents a shift away from established patterns of publishing scientific research and contributes to more inclusive, efficient and equitable science that responds to societal challenges more quickly and effectively. Open science represents a change in research culture, shifting the emphasis from publishing as quickly as possible to sharing knowledge as early as possible, and adopting an approach to scientific research that promotes transparency, accessibility and collaboration at all stages of the scientific and research process.

Resources and Responsibilities

In accordance with its internal regulations, the Faculty shall ensure that responsibility for open science processes is clearly assigned. open science processes shall be managed directly by the vice-dean for research and international cooperation, with the support of the Research Committee, the Faculty's administrative and professional services, and the Faculty Library.

With a view to developing open science, the Faculty uses the infrastructure provided by the University Computing Centre (SRCE), primarily through the Croatian Research Information System (CroRIS), where all scientific publications are made available except where explicitly prohibited by the publisher, and through the use of the DABAR repository, where all final, master's and doctoral theses of Faculty students are deposited.

The Faculty is responsible for providing its employees with accessible support and training in applying open science principles and using the necessary tools and resources. Employees are required to be familiar with the principles of open science and to apply these principles in their work.

Employees in research and teaching, teaching, and associate positions are required to familiarise students with the principles of open science and encourage them to apply these principles in their research activities.

This *Policy* applies to all Faculty authors, including employees in research and teaching, teaching, and associate positions, as well as students at all levels of study at the Faculty, and covers the following elements:

- *open access to publications*
- *open research data*
- *open science infrastructure*
- *open science assessment system*
- *support, open education, competencies and citizen science.*

1 Open Access

The Faculty aims to ensure that all publications resulting from the research activities of its employees and students, as well as all publications issued by the Faculty itself, are made available through open access. Open access to publications may be provided through three routes: **green, gold or diamond open access**. **Green open access** involves making a publication openly available by archiving or self-archiving it in a digital repository, such as an institutional repository, or on the author's or institution's website. The author's manuscript may be archived before or after peer review and, in some cases, the final version already published in a journal may also be archived. An embargo period often applies, but there is no cost to the author. **Gold open access** involves publishing an article in an open-access journal, where it is immediately available to the public, and an article processing charge (APC) is often payable. **Diamond open access** involves publishing in open-access journals that charge neither authors nor readers and generally rely on public funding.

- 1.1. The Faculty encourages authors to publish their work in open-access journals and to deposit book chapters, complete books, conference presentations and posters, as well as final, master's and doctoral theses, in the institutional digital repository on the DABAR platform or in another repository compliant with open science principles. The Faculty presents its entire publishing activity on its website, including the scientific and professional publications of its researchers/authors, thereby promoting open-access publishing.
- 1.2. Authors are encouraged to make their materials openly available as soon as possible, using an appropriate *Creative Commons* open licence to regulate the exercise of their copyright, or, where this is not possible, after an appropriate period of time. Access restrictions shall be applied in accordance with the principle “*as open as possible, as closed as necessary.*”
- 1.3. The Faculty shall endeavour to develop mechanisms for providing financial support to authors, primarily through individual programme or project funds, to cover article processing charges (APCs), in cooperation with the University of Split or other relevant institutions.

2 Open Data

Research data comprise all data collected and/or generated and used by researchers in their research, whether raw, cleaned, processed or presentation-ready, depending on the level of

processing, the analysis of which leads to new scientific knowledge or enables existing research results to be verified. Open research data embody the concept of open science from the earliest stage of the research process.

- 2.1. In order to ensure the clarity, transparency, reproducibility and verifiability of scientific research, the Faculty uses various measures to encourage the timely planning and management of research data throughout all stages of the research process and their sharing through appropriate repositories.
- 2.2. The Faculty encourages authors to deposit research data in appropriate digital repositories, such as repositories within the DABAR system, repositories forming part of European research infrastructures focusing on the social sciences and humanities, linguistics and digital humanities, such as CESSDA (CROSSDA), CLARIN-HR and DARIAH-HR, as well as widely used international open repositories such as Zenodo.
- 2.3. The Faculty encourages the management of research data in accordance with the FAIR Principles, according to which research data should be:
 - findable
 - accessible
 - interoperable
 - reusable.
- 2.4. The Faculty also promotes the comprehensive CARE Principles for open science, which support an ethical and socially responsible approach to data management by emphasising:
 - collective benefit
 - authority to control
 - responsibility
 - ethics.
- 2.5. The Faculty encourages the public dissemination of results produced within research projects, including both competitive institutional projects and projects funded through external calls. Principal investigators are also encouraged to prepare a Data Management Plan for all research that is partly or fully funded by public funds, and the Faculty enables such plans to be deposited in the institutional repository or another appropriate repository.
- 2.6. Where access to certain content is permanently restricted, the Faculty encourages authors to publish the relevant metadata, i.e. basic information about such content.

3 Open Science Infrastructure

The Faculty, together with the University of Split and the Ministry of Science, Education and Youth and with the support of the University Computing Centre (SRCE), contributes to ensuring the reliable operation of Croatia's research infrastructure and e-infrastructure.

- 3.1. The Faculty is responsible for maintaining its research resources.

- 3.2. The Faculty, like other constituent units of the University of Split, has its own institutional repositories, the content of which is aggregated in the University of Split repository.
- 3.3. The Faculty ensures the preservation of and encourages the deposit in its institutional repositories of all theses and other works submitted for assessment, papers published in journals or conference proceedings, book chapters and books, visual and audio-visual materials, datasets, educational materials and other documentation resulting from the research, teaching and creative activities of its employees.

4 Open Science Assessment System

In accordance with national guidelines, the Faculty is required to develop and implement assessment systems that support the implementation of open science.

- 4.1. The Faculty shall monitor the implementation of this Policy and revise it as necessary to ensure alignment with changes in national and EU legislation.
- 4.2. The Faculty is committed to the responsible use of existing metrics and to encouraging the development of new metrics in accordance with the recommendations of international and national bodies.
- 4.3. Decision-makers at the Faculty are familiar with the principles of open science and shall actively promote and integrate them into planning and decision-making processes.
- 4.4. In the field of open science, the Faculty provides support to researchers through educational activities, including the promotion of open science principles within the doctoral education and degree-awarding process conducted through its doctoral study programme.
- 4.5. The Faculty encourages employees to engage in open peer review in their research activities. Open peer review may encompass different levels and aspects of openness, including open manuscripts, transparency regarding the identities of authors, reviewers and editors, publicly available peer-review reports, opportunities for active participation by the wider community, interaction between authors and reviewers, commenting on published versions of papers, and the use of open platforms that enable the peer-review process to be conducted independently of traditional academic journals.

5 Support, Open Education, Competencies and Citizen Science

Appropriate support, education and training for researchers are essential to the successful implementation of open science principles.

- 5.1. The Faculty systematically promotes open science through training and other activities for researchers and professional staff aimed at raising awareness of open science and developing their competencies in open-access practices, research data management and storage, and copyright protection.
- 5.2. The Faculty supports the development and use of open educational resources in teaching, including lecture notes, presentation slides, learning materials, collections,

textbooks, online practical guides and any other materials prepared for teaching and learning purposes.

- 5.3. The Faculty encourages stronger cooperation between the academic community and society through citizen science, enabling interested members of the public to participate directly in the scientific research process.

Final Provisions

This *Policy* shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

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