

OPEN ACCESS POLICY FOR "LA CAIXA" BANKING FOUNDATION

"la Caixa" Banking Foundation is making an effort to publicise the results of the research it finances with the aim of allowing it to reach the general public in order to get them involved in the process to transform our society into that of a scientific country and a knowledge-based economy. For this reason, it has adopted an open access policy regarding the publication of investigation results, in line with the policies of other public and private financing bodies on the European and global stages.

Because of this, all of the beneficiaries of grants and scholarships from the Foundation are urged to share the results they obtain in the most open way possible and as soon as possible.

This means:

- The beneficiaries must file any peer-reviewed publication from a financed project with an important institutional or digital repository for the discipline immediately after publishing it. The repository must state the identification code for the financed project.
- Access to the publications filed with the repository must be public within a period of no longer than six months counted from the date of publication.
- The version available to the public must be the same one as the published version. If this is not possible due to intellectual property disputes, the definitive version will be accepted when it has passed through the peer-review process and before the final typesetting of the publication.



"la Caixa" Banking Foundation will consider all cases on an individual basis where there is difficulty in adhering to this policy and there could be exceptions made where necessary.

Any possible costs associated with publishing the results for the public could be included in the grants received. Similarly, the option to pay to publish in a limited access journal that offers individual open access must always be discussed with "la Caixa" Banking Foundation.

This policy will come into force as of 1 January 2018. Both the beneficiaries of current grants and new grants from "la Caixa" Banking Foundation must meet the requirements involved.

