Open Access Statement of Support

Preamble
IUPUI is a community of scholars committed to disseminating and sharing the intellectual fruits of their research and scholarship. At IUPUI, the scholarly community includes staff, faculty, students, and community members. In recognition of their commitment to and participation in IUPUI’s research and teaching mission, and in an effort to enhance the wider recognition of staff scholarly contributions and impact, the IUPUI Staff Council encourages all IUPUI staff authors to: support a more sustainable and inclusive system of scholarship and to reduce information inequality; to employ technologies that can preserve copies of their works as part of the IUPUI record of scholarship for future study; and to use the services available at IUPUI to provide full-text online discoverability of their scholarly works.

The IUPUI Staff Council desires to join the efforts of the IUPUI Faculty Council and be a lead in the nation of staff-initiated and adopted open access statements. In keeping with the above values, the IUPUI Staff Council endorses the following Statement of Principles.

Statement of Principles
The IUPUI Staff Council:

- Advocates for the dissemination of research and scholarship as widely as possible. We believe that open access to all scholarly research is a public good. We affirm that the products of IUPUI staff-authored scholarship are valuable contributions to the IUPUI body of work and should be retained and distributed as such in IUPUI’s openly accessible institutional repository, IUPUI ScholarWorks.

- Endorses the principles of open access because we recognize the advantages of free access to new knowledge for the authors, the university, students, researchers, and the community.

- Encourages IUPUI staff authors to retain copyright to their work through negotiation with publishers if necessary. This retention facilitates open access to all including in-class use by IUPUI students and sharing through IUPUI’s institutional repository, IUPUI ScholarWorks.

- Strongly encourages IUPUI staff authors to make available a digital copy of their scholarly work, at no charge, to the IUPUI University Library, in one or more standard formats (such as PDF). In making their work available here, authors grant to IUPUI the nonexclusive permission to make publicly available their work for the purpose of open dissemination.
University Support

The IUPUI Staff Council understands that the university, through IUPUI University Library, already facilitates this process and provides sufficient information and expertise to accomplish the goals of open access with the minimum inconvenience and expense to the author(s). The IUPUI University Library will make the scholarly works it receives available to the public in IUPUI ScholarWorks. If an IUPUI staff author requests an embargo, the IUPUI University Library will embargo the scholarly work for the requested time period, before making it available to the public.

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