Niigata University Open Access Policy

(Purpose)

1. To contribute to development of academia and give back the results of education and research to the society, Niigata University (hereinafter referred to as "the University") stipulates a policy on open access for making the results of education and research in the university widely available to the public as follows.

(Publishing research outputs)

2. As a general rule, the University provides open public access to the research outputs of faculty members published in academic journals by commercial publishers, academic societies, academic committees, or university departments (hereinafter referred to as "Research Outputs") for free. The ownership of the copyright of such Research Outputs will not be transferred to the University.

(Means of publishing)

3. Research Outputs are published via Niigata University Academic Repository or by other means chosen by the author.

(Exception of application)

4. Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, the University may choose not to provide or may cancel open access to the Research Output if a waiver is requested by the parties due to copyright issues or other unavoidable reasons.

(Non-retroactivity)

5. This Policy will not be applied to the Research Outputs which have been published prior to its implementation or published under a conflicting contract settled prior to its implementation.

(Submission in the repository)

6. Details regarding submission and publishing of the Research Outputs in the Niigata University Academic Repository are handled according to the "Niigata University Academic Repository Operation Guideline."

(Others)

7. Any other open access issues not stated in the Policy will be negotiated between the parties concerned.

[Reference] Implementation of Open Access
Based on the Niigata University Open Access Policy

Niigata University has stipulated our Open Access Policy that is intended to request the faculty members of Niigata University to make their scholarly articles (co-authored articles included) available to a wider public for free.

To indicate the specific methods for making the article Open Access based on the Open Access Policy, instructions including the use of Niigata University Academic Repository are summarized as follows.

1. Scope of the policy

Articles which fulfill all of the following conditions below are in scope of this policy.

1. Articles which are published after the establishment of Niigata University Academic Repository (peer-reviewed or not)

2. Articles which are authored by a faculty member or other personnel of Niigata University

* Any other contributions by the members of the Niigata University that do not apply to above may be registered to the Niigata University Academic Repository upon the request of the author.

2. How to make articles in open access status

Articles are already in open access status in the following cases:

1. The article is published in an open access journal (published free of charge on the website of a publisher and/or an academic society)

2. The article is in open access status to the public via CiNii, J-STAGE, PMC, or other academic portal sites.

Articles may be made in open access status through the following methods:

* Observing one of the following methods fulfills the "public" condition as required by the Open Access Policy.

1. Register the article at Niigata University Academic Repository.

2. For articles published on a subscription-model journal, select the open access option by covering an additional fee (Article Processing Charge) to make the article open access on the publisher's web site or another location.

3. Register the article on a repository established by external institutions (for example, subject repositories such as arXiv.)