

Motion on Academic Open Access

Council notes:

That as opposed to previous forms of distribution, the digitalisation of academia has meant that research can be increasingly cheaply published.

Council regrets:

The ongoing prevalence of paywall academia, that is pay-for-view or subscription based access to scientific literature, representing an access barrier for students and researchers alike, especially vis-a-vis socioeconomically disadvantaged persons.

Council welcomes:

Trinity's Open Access Institutional Repository (TARA), which is designed to store, distribute, and preserve the digital materials of Trinity College Dublin following the principles of Open Access.

Council therefore mandates:

That the Education Officer and the Welfare & Equality Officer work alongside the College to promote and campaign for the principles of Open Access. Specifically, in ensuring that the system for open access is advertised and used as effectively as possible by TCD researchers.

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