

Open Access Declaration of HTW Dresden

The University of Applied Sciences (HTW Dresden) is committed to high scientific standards and follows the worldwide open access movement and supports a culture of open access to knowledge. HTW Dresden therefore supports the unrestricted and permanent access (open access) to results and publications of scientific work according to the Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities¹. Consequently, HTW Dresden has signed the Berlin Declaration of 22 October 2003.

In the spirit of this Declaration, HTW Dresden encourages its members to make publications of their scientific work as well as teaching resources freely accessible (open access) and available to the general public.

Scientific work can be released in the form of articles and as data publications with open access (open research data), providing that no agreements with publishers or third parties except this declaration.

The following options are given:

1. **Golden open access**

Initial publications of scientific work appear in peer-reviewed open access journals, monographs or collections.

2. **Green-Open-Access**

Previously closed access published work can be released as a secondary publication in quality-controlled repositories once the blocking period given by the publishing house has expired.

Through the institutional portal on the documents and publications server “Qucosa” (Quality Content of Saxony), HTW Dresden provides its members with a repository for the electronic publication of text-based scientific documents. The portal offers the possibility to reflect the range of publications at the University to a large extent. “Qucosa” is a free service of the scientific libraries of the Free State of Saxony. It guarantees authors worldwide distribution, long-term archiving and permanent availability of their publications.

The library of HTW Dresden supports the authors with both the discipline-specific treatment of the metadata as well as consulting services. It is planned to support other university members’ fee-based open access activities by means of a publication fund.

¹ „Berlin declaration on Open Access to knowledge in the sciences and humanities“, 2003, <https://openaccess.mpg.de/Berliner-Erklaerung>.

Regarding teaching and learning materials, all members of the University are encouraged to place these under an open license and thereby publish them as open educational resources (OER), provided that no rights of third parties exclude this. An open license comprehends the possibility of free use, processing and further processing by others without or with only slight limitations. Saxon online learning platforms, among others, offer the possibility to publish educational resources.

The declaration was adopted by the Senate on 29th May 2018.

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