

HSZG Open Access Strategy

Open Access (OA) follows the idea and principle of an equitable integration of all people into scientific and scholarly progress. It has been proven that OA-based publications reach a particularly broad audience. They are therefore also to the benefit of the academics who publish them. Reasons to promote OA and arguments against frequent reservations are listed on the Open Access Information Platform [<http://open-access.net/startseite/>] funded by German academic organizations.

The HSZG Rectorate and Senate have adopted the following **Open Access Strategy**:

1. We urge all HSZG members to file their academic publications on the **Qucosa** [<http://www.qucosa.de/startseite/>] repository and to document the relevant source in our **Research Information System [fis.hs zg.de]**, unless this would violate usage rights held by the publishing company. Many publishing companies today allow such self-archiving. We advise you to retain the respective exploitation rights when you are concluding publishing contracts. The Zittau/Görlitz University library staff will be happy to advise you accordingly.

2. All HSZG members are advised to also make **first publications** in peer-reviewed OA journals. It is envisaged to establish a fund that can help cover the sometimes-incurring publication fees. This publication fund will be managed by the University's Vice-Rector for Research. **Direct applications** for funding for OA publications may be submitted to the **Vice-Rector for Research** for a **transitional period** and in order to assess the **necessity** of the publication fund. The available annual subsidies amount to a maximum of €4K and can cover two OA publications.

Questions and suggestions on OA may be directed to the University's Research staff unit.