Open Access **matters** to students
Researchers receive grants from CIHR, SSHRC, NSERC

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Innovative research

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Results published

Copyright handed over to publishers

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Individuals, governments, & universities foot the bill
Who supports OA

• Graduate Student Society
• Alma Mater Society – UBC undergraduate students
• Arts, Science, Medicine, Pharmacy...
Working toward a campus-wide OA policy

- Open Access Statement developed
- Senate Library Committee unanimously endorsed the Open Access Statement
- Discussions in Senate pending
Student Open Access initiatives & advocacy
National Graduate Caucus

“Creative Commons licensing encourages collaboration, rather than competition, among academics and researchers”

→ NGC is developing a strategy to advance knowledge and use of Creative Commons licensing and OA publishing
Graduate Student Open Access Award

Submissions for the Graduate Student Open Access Award are now closed.

The Graduate Student Open Access Award, sponsored by the Graduate Students' Association (GSA), the Library and the Office of the Vice President (Research & International) (OVPI), was established to support Carleton University graduate students in publishing research in open access journals.

The Award encourages Carleton graduate students to make their works more widely available on the internet and thereby increase the visibility and impact of their research in advancing knowledge and improving the global community.
University of Toronto

Support for Open Access Publishing

Open Access Author Fund Pilot Launched

To coincide with Open Access Week, the University of Toronto Libraries is very pleased to announce the launch of the Open Access Author Fund pilot. This fund has been created to encourage and support those in the University of Toronto community who wish to make their scholarly work available via open access publishing and who are required to pay an article processing fee in order to make this possible. For more details, please review our Fund Policy and reimbursement form.
University of British Columbia

- GSS “Open Scholar Award”
- Established in 2012
- 4 awards of $500 each for individuals who submit non-thesis works to cIRcle awarded each year
Everywhere

• Student-driven open access journals
  – Waterloo ➔ Canadian Graduate Journal of Sociology and Criminology
  – Canadian Journal for New Scholars in Education

• Open Access Week events
  – U of A, U of C
  – U of T
  – Queen’s
  – McGill
What makes OA advocacy realistic:

1. Tangible solutions

2. Widely adopted

3. Documented examples of student advocacy making a difference
Right to Research Coalition

- A coalition of students advocating for Open Access publishing
- Mobilize student societies
- Encourage OA publishing by students
- US government lobby

- Principles reflected in *Student Statement on the Right to Research*
Student Statement on the Right to Research

Signatories: 23 student associations representing >5 million students

Canadian Federation of Students (& NGC)

US National Association of Graduate-Professional Students (NAGPS)

Canadian Federation of Medical Students, International Federation of Medical Students
"Open Access will remove barriers for all graduate-professional students in our roles as educators, researchers, and scholars. Widespread dissemination and access to research will aid graduate-professional students to advance science and improve the lives and general welfare of the people of the United States and around the world."

Alex Evans
President, National Association of Graduate-Professional Students
What can students do?

1. Create awareness about OA amongst faculty and peers
2. Convince fellow students and faculty members to publish OA.
3. Student societies can draft letters of support, and address them to university administrators
4. Get involved with OA advocacy nationally and internationally.
Advocacy In-A-Box
Campus Open Access
Advocacy Guide
CAMPUS OPEN ACCESS ADVOCACY GUIDE

A student guide for establishing an open access policy on your campus.
Thank you!