Strong recommendation: Open Access Publishing at Arcada

1. Background

Adopting open scientific publication (open access) is an ongoing global change and an important goal for an open society. This means that RDI findings at Arcada should be made publicly available whenever possible. The Universities of Applied Sciences in Finland are working actively towards increasing open access publishing and open data. Several publishers have also responded to these demands of open publishing by allowing manuscripts to be published “in parallel” in open archives.

2. Principles of open publication at Arcada

- The results of research and development at Arcada are published in forums with the highest possible impact. The author(s) selects the publication channel and should examine the impact level of this forum. Each writer strives to retain the rights to self-archiving of the publication when the contract with the publisher is drawn up.
- Arcada recommends its staff to publish according to open access principles. The results should be publicly available electronically to anyone, provided that such an open publication does not conflict with the publisher's terms and conditions.
- Arcada recommends writers to use the open platform for electronic self-archiving of the Universities of Applied Sciences by Theseus (https://www.theseus.fi/handle/10024/160922), but recognizes any serious channel for parallel publication. Arcada’s writers are responsible for meeting all of the publishers the criteria related to the publishing process. Material that belongs to a third party can sometimes prevent publication. Parallel publishing requires the approval of all authors.
- Parallel publications will not be reported to the Ministry.
- The research website of Arcada and the Libguide for OA (https://libguides.arcada.fi/oastat) provide practical information about open access publishing.
- If project funding allows, also golden open access channels are used.
- Arcada recommends its staff to include a sum for open access publishing, as well as grants for language care in funding applications.

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