Open Access guidelines of the
Hochschule Mittweida - University of Applied Sciences

In order to implement the Open Access Strategy, the following Open Access guidelines for the promotion of Open Access activities of members of the Hochschule Mittweida - University of Applied Sciences - have been agreed upon:

- Research results from the Hochschule Mittweida should preferably be published digitally and freely accessible, as long as it does not collide with the regulations of the financing bodies or laws. Publication form, location and method are the decision of the scientists. It is recommended to publish research results in accordance with the Open Access model.
- The authors enable free access to their research results by saving such in digital form in an electronic archive which belongs to the institute and is freely accessible via the Internet. This takes place as soon as possible after publication, preferably using a document server or the website of the University.
- The Hochschule Mittweida provides tools which will help to inform and further educate their scientists about Open Access.
- Scientists will be individually sensitised regarding the perception of their secondary exploitation rights, the use of open licenses and the procurement of publication fees within the framework of support applications.
- The Hochschule Mittweida is prospectively involved in policy research alliances, at national and international level, for the further development of Open Access.
- The Hochschule Mittweida will appoint an Open Access representative. This will be the contact person for the Rectorate, the Centre for Information and Facility Management and all university members interested in Open Access.
- One key element of the promotion of Open Access is represented by the financing of Open Access documents. The long-term goal is the foundation of an Open Access publication fund, an initial step is the application for funding (e.g. via the DFG programme for "Open Access publication").
- The University pursues an integrated usage-oriented approach which combines the publication activity, in accordance with the Open Access model, with traditional publication activities and continued publisher-bound publications through a shared platform ("landing page") in the sense of "University Press Mittweida".
- The implementation and further development of the Open Access guidelines of the Hochschule Mittweida are based on the national and international activities of scientific organisations and specialist communities.