

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

The results of publicly funded research should be made available to society free-of-charge. The Bundesforschungsministerium (BMBF/Federal Ministry of Education and Research) pursues precisely this approach with a superordinated Open Access Strategy and the inclusion of an Open Access clause in BMBF projects. The digitalisation of universities now offers with Open Access formats, the opportunity to make research results available better, faster and free-of-charge to any interested party from science, economy and society. The term Open Access is used to describe free access to publications and other materials on the Internet. A "Open Access" published document can be read, saved, printed and used free-of-charge by everyone.

The Hochschule Mittweida has set itself the strategic goal in transfer of knowledge and technology, to further promote the free exchange of research results in digital formats. The provision of "Open Access" documents based on scientific knowledge, in particular publicly funded projects, is an important field of action. This is linked to the expectations of the rectorate:

- Increasing the visibility, reception and impact of publications from members of University of Applied Sciences Mittweida;
- Exchanging research results quicker;
- Increasing the hit rate when searching for publications using search engines and social networks;
- Promotion of interdisciplinary research and the internationalisation of research.

The Hochschule Mittweida - University of Applied Sciences - declares their support and promotion of Open Access in accordance with the "Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities". Among others, this declaration was signed by the DFG, Wissenschaftsrat (science council) and the Hochschulrektorenkonferenz (association of universities and other higher education institutions in Germany).

The interests of the Hochschule Mittweida and its institutes are to be maintained, the scientists supported and, at the same time, access given to research results, its utilisation and distribution is to be reinforced by the use of Open Access. Therefore, they determine the following guidelines for the promotion of the Open Access activities of their members.

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