Updates on the NIH Public Access Policy

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Recently the NIH announced it will begin enforcement actions of its Public Access Policy (NIH PAP). For non-competing continuation grant awards with a start date of July 1, 2013 or beyond, ‘NIH will delay processing of non-competing continuation grant awards if publications arising from that award are not in compliance with the NIH public access policy.’ The award will not be processed until recipients have demonstrated compliance.

See the full NIH statement at:


The NIH Public Access Policy requires that all peer-reviewed articles arising, in whole or in part, from direct NIH funding MUST be publicly accessible within one year in PubMed Central. In addition, within three months of publication, these articles must have a PMCID (PubMed Central Identification Number) in order to be considered in compliance.

More information on the NIH PAP can be found at:

http://researchguides.uic.edu/NIH.

The dates and times of online Webinars on the NIH PAP and information about submitting and managing manuscripts can be found at:

http://library.uic.edu/home/services/instruction-and-workshops/online-workshops#nihPubAccessPolicy

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