**POLITICA UNIVERSITĂȚII DE STAT DE MEDICINĂ ȘI FARMACIE
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Open Access Policy
of *Nicolae Testemitanu* State University of Medicine and Pharmacy of the Republic of Moldova

The senate of the State University of Medicine and Pharmacy "Nicolae Testemitanu" of the Republic of Moldova proposes to approve the Institutional Policy on Open Access to information (further Institutional Policy OA), as follows:

SUMPh „Nicolae Testemitanu" recognizes the strategic importance of *Open Access* to information and undertakes to disseminate, as widely as possible, the results of scientific activity.

Open Access to information means free, immediate, online access to scientific research findings, allowing to any user to read, copy, print, distribute and use them in any lawful purpose, without any financial, legal or technical barriers.

Electronic publication of research results provides the opportunity to share freely ideas and knowledge to the scientific community and the general public. Removing access barriers to scientific publications achieved within the SUMPh „Nicolae Testemitanu" will ensure strong foundation for an effective scientific community, will increase both the visibility and the impact of research activity.

In long term, the University aims to increase the quality and performance indicators in scientific research. In this way, *Open Access* to information can essentially contribute to the promotion of scientific and technological performance results, of innovative research aimed to increase the visibility and recognition of their significance and importance both nationally and internationally.

Objectives:
1. Management and long-term preservation of scientific work produced by the university community.
2. Ensuring the widest possible access to scientific papers produced by members of the academic community.

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Strategies:

1. Implementation of open access to scientific publications through two complementary models: self-archiving in the repository of SUMPh „Nicolae Testemitanu" (further Institutional Repository) and registration of scientific journals of University in International Register DOAJ (Directory of Open Access Journals).

2. Establishment and development of Institutional Repository including the entire scientific production of the University: scientific articles, dissertations, conference materials, teaching materials, books, etc.

3. By decision of the Scientific Council, the Department of Science is appointed as coordinator and Scientific Medical Library as executor in creation and development of Institutional Repository.

4. The authors of scientific publications, written within research projects funded wholly or partly from budget or from grants, are required to submit the final version of the paper (pre-print or post-print) in open access in Institutional Repository.

5. During their activity within the University, authors will submit their scientific and teaching papers in Institutional Repository, based on the decision of the University Senate.

6. Authors are encouraged to publish their works to publishers that allow archiving in institutional repositories with open access.

7. If there are certain restrictions on copyright from publishers, authors are required to submit references and abstract of the paper to be included in the Institutional Repository.

8. If the publication is going to be marketed, authors will negotiate with publishers (while signing the copyright agreements) placing the work in open access after a certain embargo period (no later than 12 months).

9. Students of SUMPh "Nicolae Testemitanu" will submit their thesis in open access in Institutional Repository.

10. Departments, laboratories and scientific centers that host and support scientific research, the scientists who generate the research outputs, librarians and other interested persons are encouraged to show support for Open Access to information and to publish articles and scientific papers in journals with Open Access and in the Institutional Repository of SUMPh "Nicolae Testemitanu".

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11. Scientific Medical Library will manage the Institutional Repository, will ensure its functioning, will be responsible for long-term preservation of scientific work produced by the university community and will prepare an annual report for the Senate.

12. The Science Department will coordinate the selection of scientific publications to be placed in the Institutional Repository and will ensure the compliance of institutional Open Acess policy with the interests of authors.

13. These indications do not restrict the freedom of publication or research.

14. The Open Access Policy of the SUMPh „Nicolae Testemitanu" will be recorded as institutional mandate in the ROARMAP Registry (Registry of Open Access Repositories Mandatory Archiving Policies), authorizing open access to results of scientific research funded by public funds. Institutional Repository will be registered in the Register of Open Access Repositories (ROAR) and Directory of Open Access Repositories (DOAR).

15. The Open Access Policy of the SUMPh „Nicolae Testemitanu" will take effect from the date of its approval and will be reviewed after three years.