Waseda University Open Access Policy

Purpose
Waseda University (the "University") holds as its founding principles the preservation of the independence of scholarship, the promotion of the practical application of scholarship, and the fostering of good citizens. The University has, in accordance with the founding principles, engaged in research activities that uphold the lofty ideals of scholarship, with the aim of contributing to the well-being of mankind and world peace. To contribute to the further development of academic research and the creation of a prosperous society for mankind by the wide dissemination of the University's research findings to both inside and outside the University in line with the founding principles, the University has established its open access policy as follows.

Publication of research findings
The University publishes its researchers' research findings such as articles ("research findings") to the extent possible in the Waseda University Repository or by any other methods selected by the researchers.

Application exception
The University does not publish research findings in the Waseda University Repository if it is inappropriate to do so due to unavoidable circumstances such as copyright restrictions.

No retrospective application
This Policy does not apply to any research findings which were published on or before the effective date of this Policy or any research findings for which an agreement inconsistent with this Policy was executed on or before the effective date of this Policy.

Registration in the Repository
If the University's researchers publish their research findings in the Waseda University Repository, they provide the University as soon as possible with an appropriate version of their research findings that may be allowed to be registered in the Repository. Any matters associated with the Repository, such as repository registration and publication, will be dealt with in accordance with the implementation guidelines or internal rules for the Repository separately established by the University Library.

Other

In addition to the matters set forth in this Policy, any other matters that may be required for open access will be discussed and determined by those who are involved and will be communicated accordingly.