What is the Open Access Institutional Mandate?

It is an institutional guideline encouraging open access for the scientific work produced at the University. With the establishment of this mandate, the UOC follows the agreements reached by the Catalan Interuniversity Council (CIC, http://www.gencat.cat/economia/ur/cic/) Sub-committee to Promote Measures Encouraging Open Access.

The aim of these measures agreed to by the Catalan universities is to adopt mechanisms that ensure that scientific work receiving public funding can be accessed openly via the institutions' research repositories. The action plan for open access in Catalonia has set 2012 as a deadline for when "the processes assessing research projects, accreditation of faculty, (six-year) assessment of research or calls for internal promotion [shall] only take into account publications available in open-access repositories".

The institutional open access policy requires depositing of all publications by the academic and research community in the institutional repository, while respecting the contractual conditions signed by authors with publishers.

What is O2?

The Oberta in Open Access (or O2) is the name given to the UOC's institutional repository. O2 is the portal that holds, publicises and safeguards the open-access digital publications produced by members of the UOC as part of their research, teaching and management activities.

What can faculty publish in the UOC's institutional repository?

Faculty can publish any kind of academic document linked to the University: weekly study guides, continuous assessment tests, exams, exam answers, articles, pre-prints, post-prints, papers, reviews, contents from congress or seminars you organize, etc.

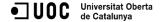For more information, see the Guide for Depositing Educational Resources (http://hdl.handle.net/10609/7604).

What can researchers publish in the UOC's institutional repository?

Researchers can publish any kind of research document linked to the University: articles, pre-prints, post-prints, papers, reviews, contents from congress or seminars you organize, etc.

When entering a publication in the UOC research assessment tool (GIR), click on the *Publish to the repository* button and the form for adding documents to the UOC's institutional repository, O2, will automatically be filled with the details. You then need to upload the document (preferably the draft version) and check the details entered.

For more information, see the Guide to Depositing Research (http://cv.uoc.edu/~grc_7656_w01/Guia%20GIR-O2-EN.pdf).

Since when do documents produced as part of teaching and research activities have to be included on the O2 institutional repository?

Documents created since 7 October 2010, the date when the Governing Council approved the UOC's Open Access Institutional Mandate (http://hdl.handle.net/10609/4966)

What about documents from *before* 7 October 2010?

Draft versions or versions published under a Creative Commons licence can be included in the repository, either via the GIR or directly, in the case of teaching materials.
If you do not have a draft version, contact the Library via *The Library Replies* service for more detailed information on the steps to take to review the licences under which these documents (articles, conference proceedings, etc.) have been published.

I have had an article accepted in a scientific journal that does not publish under a Creative Commons licence. What do I need to take into account?

A) First, you need to check the scientific journal publication policies on Sherpa/Romeo (for international journals) http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/ and Dulcinea (for Spanish journals) http://www.accesoabierto.net/dulcinea/.

b) If there is the possibility of including a draft version, when you update the CV on GIR or once the article has been published in the journal, include the bibliographic reference in the draft version text and deposit it in O2.

c) If the publisher does not allow you to keep any of the rights over your work, there is an application called the Scholar's Copyright Addendum Engine (http://scholars.sciencecommons.org/) from Science Commons that generates a PDF file with an appendix to publishers' copyright agreements. It is a legally binding document that ensures you can maintain certain rights.

The Mandate, O2 and the project assessment and accreditation processes
As of 3 October 2011, there is still no news on the project assessment and accreditation processes that explicitly envisage inclusion of research results in an institutional repository. When this situation changes, the Research Board will take the necessary measures in order to take into account those articles that cannot be published in O2 or which predate approval of the Institutional Mandate.

Related documents
- Law 14/2011, 1 June, on science, technology and innovation
  www.boe.es/boe/dias/2011/06/02/pdfs/BOE-A-2011-9617.pdf
- Royal Decree 99/2011, 28 January, regulating official doctoral degree teaching
  www.boe.es/boe/dias/2011/02/10/pdfs/BOE-A-2011-2541.pdf

Further information available here: http://openaccess.uoc.edu/webapps/o2/help/index_en.html

If you have any doubts or queries, please contact The Library Replies.