

Dear NIH Grant Applicant,

In accordance with a recently enacted federal law, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) requires scientists who publish the results of their NIH funded research to deposit their peer reviewed manuscripts with the digital archive PubMed Central (<http://www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov/>). The NIH Public Access Policy ensures that the public has access to the published research that results from NIH funding. The Policy applies to all peer-reviewed journal articles, including research reports and reviews. For scientists, the Policy applies to peer-reviewed articles based on work that is or was (1) directly funded by an NIH grant or cooperative agreement active on or after October 1, 2007; (2) directly funded by a contract signed on or after April 7, 2008; (3) directly funded by the NIH Intramural Program; and/or (4) if the NIH pays your salary. Please note that the Policy also applies to published work where at least one of the co-authors is a NIH grant or fund recipient. Under the federal regulation, the work must be made publicly available no later than 12 months after the official date of publication. Additional details about the Policy itself and how it applies can be found on the NIH website at <http://publicaccess.nih.gov/>.

If you are successful in obtaining funding from the NIH (including any of its Institutes and Centers), you will need to address copyright concerns pertinent to any resulting published work. Before you sign a publication agreement or other copyright transfer agreement, make sure that the agreement allows the article to be submitted to the NIH within 12 months of official publication in accordance with its Public Access Policy. The NIH website maintains a list of journals and publications that will automatically submit your work to PubMed Central on behalf of their authors. If the journal publishing your work is not one that will submit your work to PubMed Central on your behalf, you are responsible for making sure that your work is appropriately submitted. On the HSC PreAward website, <http://hsc.unm.edu/financialservices/preaward/forms.shtml>, you will find two sample letters: one you may use to communicate your obligations as an NIH grant recipient to publishers, and another to communicate with co-authors.

As an institution facilitating NIH grants and research, UNM is obliged to ensure that its faculty and researchers are in compliance with federal law and the NIH Public Access Policy. Because you are applying for your grant through the University, the University must have a means for correcting any failure to submit published work covered by the NIH Policy to PubMed Central. In that regard, you will also need to sign a non-exclusive copyright license that will permit UNM to submit any final manuscript that results from your NIH funding and/or grant to PubMed Central. Please sign the license and return it to **HSC PreAward** with your proposal for any NIH funded agreements or subawards.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact Dr. Richard Larson with any questions or concerns you may have.