

## RESCUING BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH

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### RESCUING BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH SUPPORTS MOVES TOWARD OPEN ACCESS

**WASHINGTON, DC** – Rescuing Biomedical Research (RBR) supports the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC) and associated research and academic libraries in their recent letter addressed to the President of the United States regarding the benefits of full, open access to published scientific articles. <https://sparcopen.org/news/2019/sparc-letter-to-the-white-house-regarding-rumored-open-access-policy/>

The SPARC letter requests the Trump administration to change federal policy to require full, open access to taxpayer-funded research immediately upon publication, rather than allow a waiting period of up to 12 months after publication. Open access policies will benefit universities, scientists, patients and accelerate the overall pace and conduct of research. Furthermore, the global community is coalescing around open access policies, and the United States should remain at the forefront of these developments.

RBR is committed to policy reforms that improve the conduct and culture of biomedical research, including open access and accelerating the pace at which scientific results are communicated. RBR has worked to expand the use of preprints in biomedical research, which includes close and continuing partnerships with organizations such as ASAPbio.

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