

PKD Foundation Grantee Open Access Policy

The mission of the PKD Foundation (PKDF) is to discover and deliver treatments and a cure for polycystic kidney disease and to improve the quality of lives of patients living with this disease. To achieve this, we support investigator-initiated research that ranges across the research continuum, including basic, translational, and clinical research. Additionally, we are committed to supporting a robust pipeline of junior investigators interested in a career in PKD through our Fellowship and Young Investigator Award programs.

The primary output of this research is new ideas and knowledge, which we encourage our researchers to publish as high-quality, peer-reviewed research articles, monographs, and book chapters. We believe that maximizing the distribution of these publications – by providing free, online access – is the most effective way of ensuring that the research we fund can be accessed, read, and built upon. In turn, this will foster a richer research culture.

Specifically, we:

- Require electronic copies of any research papers, that have been accepted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal and are supported in whole or in part by PKDF to be made available through HRA Open as soon as possible and in any event within 60 days months of the publisher's official date of final publication.
- Require authors and publishers to license research publications using the Creative Commons Attribution license (CC-BY) so they may be freely copied and re-used (for example, for text- and data-mining purposes or creating a translation);
- Affirm the principle that it is the intrinsic merit of the work, and not the title of the journal or the publisher with which an author's work is published, that should be considered in making funding decisions.

Title of Project: _____

Investigator Awardee: _____

Grant Number: _____ Grantee Institution: _____

Investigator Signature: _____ Date Signed: _____