

SHARE and Access to Research

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The [Association of Research Libraries](#) (ARL), the [Association of American Universities](#) (AAU), and the [Association of Public and Land-grant Universities](#) (APLU) have partnered to develop an initiative to ensure the preservation of, access to, and reuse of research. Called [SHARE \(SHared Access Research Ecosystem\)](#), the initiative is intended to “develop solutions that capitalize on the compelling interest shared by researchers, libraries, universities, funding agencies, and other key stakeholders to maximize research impact, today and in the future. SHARE aims to make the inventory of research assets more discoverable and more accessible, and to enable the research community to build upon these assets in creative and productive ways.” SHARE’s goal is to be a mechanism to increase open access to research data and to publications resulting from that research.

SHARE developed partially in response to the Obama administration’s February 2013 [Policy Memorandum](#) that called upon federal agencies with annual research and development budgets of \$100 million or more to provide the public with free and unlimited online access to the results of that research, including access to research data. With the federal government funding of billions of dollars in scientific research each year, there is a growing expectation that the results of this federally funded research will be openly and freely available to other researchers and to the general public in a timely manner in order to advance science and accelerate innovation, as well as lead to medical breakthroughs.

With the University of South Florida St. Petersburg’s renewed commitment to research, as articulated in the new [Vision 20/20 strategic plan](#), it is critically important for USFSP’s faculty researchers to stay informed about all aspects of the open access movement and to understand their rights and responsibilities, especially if their research is funded by federal grant money. Through the [USFSP Digital Archive](#), as well as through the research project being conducted on the [management of research data](#) at USFSP, the Library is positioned to assist College faculty in complying with federal funding guidelines.

To read more about the SHARE initiative, check out the [Share Knowledge Base blog](#).

To learn more about the USFSP Digital Archive and how we are working in concert with SHARE and other international initiative on open access, contact me or the Digital Collections Team at digcol@nelson.usf.edu