



Bookshelf and Research Funder Policies

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Bookshelf was established in 1999 as the National Library of Medicine's (NLM) full-text repository of life sciences books and documents. Since 2004, with the addition of [HSTAT](#), Bookshelf has been the home for full text health technology assessments, systematic reviews, clinical guidelines, and related health documents sponsored by US federal agencies and other private and international organizations partnering with NLM. Since 2009, Bookshelf has also been the home for [National Academies reports funded by the National Institutes of Health](#). Since 2014, Bookshelf has been the designated repository for monographs and chapters submitted in accordance with the [Wellcome Trust's open access policy on monographs and book chapters](#).

These partnerships support NLM's mission of enabling biomedical research; supporting evidence-based health care and public health; and promoting healthy behavior through the acquisition, organization, and preservation of the world's scholarly biomedical literature. Additionally, these efforts support and catalyze NLM's commitment to open science policies and practices. In bringing together the research outputs of many funding organizations and scientific disciplines in a central archive, NLM seeks to improve discovery of, provide consistent access to, and ensure long-term preservation of the scientific record.

NLM will consider partnering with funding and sponsoring organizations to leverage the Bookshelf repository infrastructure when the following conditions are met:

The funder or sponsor has an established process, e.g., peer review, for selecting its projects.

The funder has a public or open access policy that requires the deposit of funded research monographs and book chapters in Bookshelf.

The funder is able to demonstrate how partnering with Bookshelf will further the NLM and NIH missions as well as their own.

There is evidence that the funder's policy and implementation will contribute a sufficient volume of content to Bookshelf on a continuing basis.

To become a partner, a funder must sign a partnership agreement with NLM outlining the responsibilities of the NLM and the partner organization or make arrangements with an existing NLM partner (i.e., [Europe PMC](#)). In general, partners may leverage the Bookshelf infrastructure but remain responsible for the maintenance and enforcement of their individual policies.

Partner Organizations

The following US government agencies, international organizations, and private funders have active partnerships with NLM to leverage the Bookshelf infrastructure.

US Federal Agency Partners

US Department of Health and Human Services

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Office of the Surgeon General (OSG)

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

Private and International Partners

Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health (CADTH)

Institute for Quality and Efficiency in Healthcare (IQWiG)

Research Triangle Institute (RTI)

UK National Health Service (NHS)

National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE)

National Institute for Health Research (NIHR)

Wellcome Trust

World Health Organization (WHO)

European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies

Guidelines Review Committee

Health Evidence Network (HEN)

International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC)

If you represent a funding organization that should be included on the list above, please let us know.

General inquiries about Bookshelf and funder policies can be sent to bookshelf@ncbi.nlm.nih.gov

Funder-Sponsored Content

If a partner funding organization sponsors the publication of content, NLM will recognize the funding organization as the content owner and expects the funder to take responsibility of the [scientific and editorial quality](#) of the content and ensure that it meets [NLM's standards](#) for Bookshelf.