

# Scholarly Communications Common Knowledge Group Charter

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## 1. Summary and Scope of Work

The Scholarly Communications Common Knowledge Group (SCCKG) is a standing group of experts and practitioners in the area of open access and related scholarly communications issues. The SCCKG provides a community for colleagues across UC to learn about and discuss these issues as they relate to their work. Scholarly communications is defined as “the system through which research and other scholarly writings are created, evaluated for quality, disseminated to the scholarly community, and preserved for future use. The system includes both formal means of communication, such as publication in peer-reviewed journals, and informal channels, such as electronic mailing lists.” (Definition from the [ACRL Principles and Strategies for the Reform of Scholarly Communication, 2003](#))

The SCCKG communicates with and provides support to the [UC Libraries Advisory Structure](#) but does not make system-wide policy decisions, manage projects or project teams, or oversee ongoing services.

The topics and ongoing tasks that the SCCKG focuses on include:

- Open Access publishing models and opportunities (e.g., UC Open Access policies, UC Open Access fund pilots, Open Access Week & Fair Use Week activities, evaluating OA and other potentially transformative publishing models)
- Other scholarly communications initiatives and strategies
- Compliance with funding agency requirements (e.g., NIH, NSF)
- Intellectual property concerns (e.g., copyright, retaining author rights, cultural context and ethics)
- Researcher profile services and scholarly sharing platforms (e.g., ORCID, Kudos, ResearchGate, Mendeley, ReadCube), including campus profiling systems
- Altmetrics services (e.g., PlumAnalytics, Altmeteric, Impact Story)
- Preprint servers, institutional repositories, and research information management systems (i.e., the UC Publication Management System)
- Artificial intelligence and its impact on scholarly communication
- Collaboration with the Office of Scholarly Communication to develop joint marketing messages/materials
- Collaboration with the California Digital Library eScholarship publishing and repository program

Other CKGs that the SCCKG collaborates with, as appropriate, include:

- Research Data Services CKG

- Open Education Resources (OER) CKG

## **2. Key Expectations**

The SCCKG will:

- Gather and share information about the environment, opportunities, technologies, best practices, and local campus developments within the area of scholarly communications
- Provide input and information to other UC Libraries groups as requested
- Conceive and advance innovative ideas and improvements relevant to the [\*University of California Libraries Systemwide Plans and Priorities\*](#)

## **3. Membership and Terms of Appointment**

We aim to include at least one representative with responsibility for scholarly communication from each campus and two representatives from the California Digital Library. Membership is open to additional campus and CDL members with an interest in scholarly communication. The dual co-Chairs serve two years with one year of overlap.

- For current members see SCCKG Roster  
<https://wiki.library.ucsf.edu/display/UCLCKG/Scholarly+Communications+CKG+Roster>

## **4. Communication and Meetings**

The SCCKG's communication responsibilities are to:

- Maintain an email list for use by the group
- Create and keep a historical record of meeting minutes and reports that are available to all interested UC Libraries staff

The Group meets by conference call once a month.