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Minister Holder Announces New Open Access Policy for Research - February 27 2015

The Canadian Association of Learned Journals (CALJ) welcomes the Tri-Council's Open Access policy. It affirms the societal benefit of public access to research across the entire spectrum of scholarship in science, social science, and the humanities. Scholars and researchers believe that public access to their self-directed inquiry, reported in a free and open manner without oversight and influence, is fundamental to the dynamic, democratic, pluralistic and forward-looking society that is Canada.

At the same time, in setting a maximum embargo of 12 months across all disciplines, the Tri-Council policy creates a demand for compensatory policies and business models that will ensure continuing financial support for the processes surrounding the publication of research. Peer review, professional editing and presentation of text and data, technological development, and strategic publication planning to maximize awareness of research, are all key elements. They form the necessary foundation that can ensure that all Canadians and world citizens gain the greatest possible benefit from research.

CALJ calls on the research funding agencies – the members of the Tri-Council – and Canada's universities and their libraries to work with Canadian journals to ensure that our scholarly publishing industry has sufficient ongoing funding, infrastructure and acknowledgement of our journals as quality publishing options for researchers to deliver Canadian research to Canadians and other scholars and citizens around the world.

About CALJ

CALJ, formed in 1990, has focused on the well-being of learned journals: "To represent, develop and support the academic community of Canadian learned journals in disseminating original research and scholarly information, and to promote intellectual culture in Canada and internationally." CALJ operates as a not-for-profit association and is member-driven, identifying priorities and establishing projects and activities as the CALJ journals and other CALJ members direct. Through interaction with government agencies, the research community and other partners, CALJ works to strengthen both individual journals and the journal community as a whole.

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