

FREEDOM TO PUBLISH

Among the most important functions of a research university is the dissemination of research results via publication and presentation at open professional meetings. Publication restrictions in research agreements can place on University researchers a limit in their ability to freely publish and this in turn may have negative consequences for graduate students and others who take part in the research.

Therefore, it is the general policy of Oklahoma State University to refuse publication restrictions in research agreements except in very limited circumstances. The final decision regarding acceptance, or not, of research grants, contracts, or other agreements which limit our publication rights will be made by the Vice President for Research and Technology Transfer.

In addition, the University will only accept classified research grants or contracts if that acceptance does not compromise the University's mission in a similar manner to that described above.