

Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication
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Dear National Institutes of Health:

The Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication (COLASC) affirms its support for accelerating advancement in science and broadening access to the work of academic researchers at all stages of career development. A goal of COLASC is to help make scientific communication more collaborative and transparent, and promote new models and initiatives that lead to greater community engagement and increase the rate of discovery. In this context, we recognize the valuable role that electronic preprints and other interim research products can play in the scholarly communication ecosystem through which scientific results are disseminated. We also believe that electronic preprints can serve as critical evidence of productivity for grant applications and career advancement.

Thus, without hesitation, the Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication at the University of California, San Francisco unanimously endorses the inclusion of preprints and interim research products in applications and reports submitted to the National Institutes of Health.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard A. Schneider". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Richard A. Schneider, PhD