



# **Pancreatic Cancer Action Network Research Grants Program Policy on Public Access to Published Research**

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The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network funds grants for biomedical research in order to better understand the causes of pancreatic cancer and to advance its prevention, detection, treatment and cure. The main output of this research is new knowledge. To ensure this knowledge can be accessed, read, and built upon in fulfillment of our goals, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network expects its researchers to publish their findings in peer-reviewed journals.

All peer-reviewed articles supported in whole or in part by Pancreatic Cancer Action Network grants awarded in 2013 and later must be made available in the PubMed Central online archive in accordance with the following conditions:

- Authors are to deposit an electronic copy of their final peer-reviewed manuscripts in PubMed Central immediately upon acceptance for journal publication. (See Compliance Guide for Grantees: Policy on Public Access to Published Research)
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An author must acknowledge the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network grant in every article arising, in whole or in part, from this funding. The acknowledgement statement must include the appropriate Pancreatic Cancer Action Network grant number and, if applicable, donor name as specified in the Grant Agreement. This will enable the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network to link the published outputs of research to the funding we have provided to help determine the impact of our investment in advancing scientific knowledge and medical breakthroughs for the disease.

The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network's "Policy on Public Access to Published Research" is similar to policies adopted by the National Institutes of Health, Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Wellcome Trust, Research Councils UK, Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation, LUNGeVity Foundation, The Medical Foundation/Thome Foundation, and several other biomedical funders.



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