“Not aware” or “Aware, but not knowledgeable of”:

- Gold OA: 41%
- Green OA:
  - Institutional repositories: 38%
  - Disciplinary repositories: 55%

84% were aware of UCD Library as a source of assistance in relation to OA publishing in UCD

27% stated they had not uploaded to Research Repository UCD because they were unaware that the service existed

69% had been approached to publish in an OA publication where they were unsure of the credentials of the publisher

48% had published using non-OA channels only, over the past 3 years

17% had shared research data via a disciplinary or multi-disciplinary repository, or openly on the web, in the past 12 months

45% stated the availability of appropriate advice and guidance would encourage them to make their research data openly available

What would make you upload your work to Research Repository UCD?

- More user-friendly: 50%
- Inclusion in UCD OBRSS: 42%
- Funder Requirement: 38%
- UCD Requirement: 35%

Total responses: 149
There are no fundamental benefits to OA publication
3% agreed 91% disagreed

OA publications offer wider circulation of research than non-OA publications
86% agreed 3% disagreed

OA increases the exposure of articles published in traditional subscription-based publications
82% agreed 5% disagreed

OA publications are cited more heavily than subscription-based publications
37% agreed 16% disagreed

**Concerns and issues identified in researchers’ comments include:**

### Cost of OA publishing and funding of article processing charges

“Cost. I'd love to publish in gold open access journal, but they are very expensive at the moment”

“Costs not allowable on a significant number of research grants”

“Open access journals cost money, some (e.g., PLOS) are very good at waiving fees when an author is not currently on a research grant, others are not (e.g., Frontiers). I think UCD could help researchers more by supplementing these publishing costs”

“Traditional (non OA) journals are very expensive for university libraries and often very bad value for money... Some Universities in the US and Canada are now downsizing on subscriptions to non-OA journals and using their budgets to support staff publications in OA journals. That way their own local community benefits as does the wider academic community”

### Need for Institutional-level policies & incentives

“UCD should have a policy requiring Open Access, facilitate this w/ researchers, and lobby funders”

“We do need 100 per cent of UCD publications up on OA”

“Upload required as part of OBRSS”

“Requirements and incentives to support OA publications from funders, schools, and institutions”

“The Research Office and those responsible for Research within Schools need to be proactive to promote maximum accessibility, transparency, and re-usability of research findings and raw data”

“Bottom up approach seems to be the current practice. The promotion and supports provided by UCD library excellent - but time and effort required by individual staff to engage. Not aware of any drive from Research and little recognition and support at school level. Needs a top down endorsement with effort reward system to promote as well”

### Copyright & permissions

“Copyright issues. I am very grateful that UCD checks papers submitted to the repository to make sure that there are no copyright issues”

“How to publish open access without infringing the rights of the peer-reviewed journals that I am aiming to publish in”

“The embargo applied on green OA is a big issue”
Concerns regarding the quality, or perceived quality, of OA publishers

“Reputation of journals that are OA only - often not considered as highly as standard model (even if v. good universities/academics are behind them)"

“Papers in OA journals being perceived as pay-to-publish”

Training, support & awareness

“We have to do 30 credits for a PhD. One of the courses on offer should be on publishing”

“Education for staff about OA publishing and the benefits would be helpful”

“I am not sure that academic staff need training so much as information (e.g., I have no idea how much our university spends on non-OA journals but I think it is likely to be very high)”

“Financial support, workshop on open access”

Researchers Managers & Administrators Survey Results:

95% were aware of UCD Library as a source of assistance in relation to OA publishing in UCD

86% agreed that OA increases the exposure of articles published in traditional subscription-based publications

73% believe inclusion in UCD’s OBRSS would increase the rate of uploads to Research Repository UCD

95% disagreed that there are no fundamental benefits to OA publication

55% did not believe that uploading an article to Research Repository UCD means it cannot be published in a high impact factor journal

Comments and concerns

“I think there is a perception among researchers that the quality of open access papers is of poorer quality than those papers that are published via more traditional routes.”

“Many colleagues are not in the habit of saving a version of their articles for the repository and then cannot find the final peer reviewed pre published version and therefore do not upload to the repository.”

“How will it affect books for humanities scholars?”

“Potential copyright issues”

“Too time consuming to self archive”

“Highlighting the increasing requirement from funders to have open access publications and data”