

This is an unofficial translation of the NAOJ Regulations No. 6 of the National Astronomical Observatory of Japan, National Astronomical Observatory of Japan Open Access Basic Policy, dated February 20, 2026. Only the original Japanese text of these regulations has legal effect, and this translation is to be used solely as reference material to aid in understanding the original Japanese version.

## National Astronomical Observatory of Japan Open Access Basic Policy

February 20, 2026

Decision by the Director General

### Article 1. Purpose

The National Astronomical Observatory of Japan (hereinafter referred to as "NAOJ") has, as part of its mission, to contribute to the further development of academic research, including astronomy, and to serve society through the dissemination of research outputs and information related to astronomy. To widely disseminate outputs generated through research activities at NAOJ and to ensure free access thereto both within and outside NAOJ, NAOJ hereby establishes the National Astronomical Observatory of Japan Open Access Basic Policy (hereinafter referred to as the "Policy") as set forth below, based on the National Institutes of Natural Sciences Open Access Policy (decided by the President of the National Institutes of Natural Sciences on February 13, 2025).

### Article 2. Making Research Outputs Public

NAOJ shall, to the extent possible, collect, accumulate, and preserve scholarly publications and other outputs of research activities (hereinafter referred to as "Research Outputs") authored by faculty and staff, etc., affiliated with NAOJ (whether as first author or co-author), and shall make such Research Outputs publicly available in the NAOJ Repository for Academic Resources (hereinafter referred to as the "Repository"). Provided, however, that copyright in the Research Outputs shall not be transferred to NAOJ.

### Article 3. Exceptions to Application

Where faculty and staff, etc., or NAOJ determines that publication of any Research Output may be inappropriate due to copyright or other reasons, the relevant Research Output shall not be made publicly available.

### Article 4. Scope of Application

This Policy shall apply to Research Outputs published or otherwise made publicly available after the effective date of this Policy. Research Outputs published or otherwise made publicly available before the effective date of this Policy shall be subject to this Policy only where NAOJ deems it necessary, such as for the purpose of preventing dispersion or loss of materials.

### Article 5. Operation of the Repository

Matters concerning the Repository, including the registration and publication of Research Outputs in the Repository, shall be handled in accordance with the Operational Guidelines for the NAOJ Repository for

Academic Resources.

Article 6. Management and Making Research Data Public

NAOJ shall appropriately manage and make research data publicly available in accordance with the Guidelines for Handling the Management and Publication of Research Data of the National Astronomical Observatory of Japan. Provided, however, that this shall not apply to data that is difficult to make publicly available or data that is unsuitable for public disclosure.

Article 7. Others

Any matters necessary for open access other than those set forth in this Policy shall be determined through consultation among the relevant parties.

Supplementary Provision

This Policy shall come into effect as of February 20, 2026.