

Federal Research Public Access Act of 2009 (S. 1373 / H.R. 5037)

- **Make the products of federally-funded research available to the public within six months of publication**
- **FRPAA is important for science in the USA:**
 - 1) **Enables citizens to obtain cutting-edge knowledge in a timely manner**
 - 2) **Enhances access, uptake, usage, applications, impact and progress**
 - 3) **Ensures that taxpayer-funded research is available to the public**
 - 4) **Increases the government's transparency and accountability**
- **Modeled on the highly successful NIH policy for open access**
- **FRPAA mandates peer review of research so integrity of the research process is maintained, and does not affect privately funded research**
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- **41 Nobel Prize winners have written an open letter to Congress in support of FRPAA**
- **At least 85 universities and colleges have endorsed FRPAA, and prominent universities including Stanford, Harvard, and MIT have their own open access policies**

**Support/Sponsor S.1373 / H.R. 5037 to Guarantee
Access to Federally-Funded Research**

Who we are:

- National Association of Graduate-Professional Students
<http://www.nagps.org/>

Links and resources:

- Legislative information on FRPAA
<http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d111:s.01373:>
- The Scholarly Publishing & Academic Resources Coalition
<http://www.arl.org/sparc/advocacy/frpaa/>
- NIH Open Access Policy
<http://publicaccess.nih.gov/>
- An Open Letter to the U.S. Congress Signed by 41 Nobel Prize Winners
http://www.taxpayeraccess.org/issues/frpaa/frpaa_supporters/nobelists_2009.shtml
- Colleges and Universities endorsing FRPAA
<http://www.arl.org/sparc/advocacy/frpaa/institutions.shtml>
- MIT Open Access news release
<http://web.mit.edu/newsoffice/2009/open-access-0320.html>
- Office of Science and Technology Policy forum on Open Access
<http://blog.ostp.gov/category/public-access-policy/>
- **H.R. 801 would block Federal open access**
 - NAPGS strongly oppose H.R. 801
<http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c111:H.R.801:>