THE MICHAEL J. FOX FOUNDATION
OPEN ACCESS PUBLICATION POLICY

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Work with your grant’s Foundation management team to understand the implications of this policy on your individual projects and possible exceptions or exemptions.

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DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION / LEGACY GRANTS

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