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To all graduate students,

Education is an area of scholarship of great public interest. The work carried out at the Stanford Graduate School of Education—your work—literally shapes public policy. Yet, a great number of the articles published by GSE students are not accessible to those at the very heart of the education system: every student, teacher, and school administrator. The government officials who write education policies do not have access to much of the research either. And neither do the people running education-related NGOs or the program officers at foundation funding education programs. In fact, it is likely that neither do many scholars, like yourselves, working at smaller (or less well-funded) institutions around the world.

As the future of education scholarship, we can ensure that our own work is as widely and publicly available as possible by creating an Open Access policy.

On May 21st, all GSE graduate students will have the opportunity to **make history** by voting on the first-ever **Student Open Access Motion** worldwide. The motion, based on the [Open Access motion passed by the Faculty in 2008 \[1\]](#), would commit students to uploading the final peer-reviewed draft of any research article they author or co-author while at the GSE into an open access repository operated by Stanford.

The **implications** of this policy are real! You are voting for whether or not you want to show your **commitment to public access** to research by taking **one additional step** every time you publish, even after the diligent research, arduous writing, and once you've bent to the demands of those pesky peer-reviewers.

To discuss the policy and hold the vote, the GSE Guild will be holding a **free lunch** on Tuesday, May 21st. So come for the food, stay to learn a little about Open Access generally and about the policy specifically, and exercise your right to vote before you leave!

**What:** Open Access Policy Information Session & Vote

**When:** May 21st, 12:00-1:00pm. Vote in the room at 12:45pm sharp!

**Where:** TBA (probably CERAS 204)

Read the proposed policy below, learn a little more about the faculty policy by reading the [Q&A \[2\]](#), or simply contact me directly.

Your fellow GSE student and Scholarly Communication revolutionary,

Juan Pablo Alperin

[1] <https://ed.stanford.edu/faculty-research/open-archive/oapolicy>

[2] <https://ed.stanford.edu/faculty-research/open-archive/open-access-qa>

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### **PROPOSED TEXT: GSE STUDENT OPEN ACCESS POLICY**

The students of the Stanford Graduate School of Education are committed to making their research and scholarship as widely and publicly available as possible. In recognition of the importance of access to knowledge, the students of the Stanford Graduate School of Education are determined to increase access to their work for scholars, educators, policymakers, and the public worldwide. In support of greater openness in scholarly and educational endeavors, the students of the Graduate School of Education agree to the following policy:

Students grant to the Stanford University permission to make publicly available their scholarly articles and to exercise the copyright in those articles. They grant to Stanford University a non-exclusive\* , irrevocable, worldwide license to exercise any and all rights under copyright relating to their scholarly articles, in any medium, and to authorize others to do the same, provided that the articles are properly attributed to the authors and not sold for a profit. The policy will apply to all scholarly articles authored or co-authored while a student of the Graduate School of Education, beginning with articles for which the publisher's copyright agreement has yet to be signed. On a publisher's refusal to agree to the terms of this policy (as presented to the publishers in the form of an addendum to the copyright agreement), the student is able to waive this policy by uploading the bibliographic details for the article, along with a note on the publisher's refusal, to the public open-access repository operated by Stanford University.

No later than the date of publication, students will upload an electronic copy of the final version of the article to the public open-access repository operated by Stanford University.

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Hi again everyone!

The historic day of voting on an Open Access policy is approaching! Next Tuesday is the big day.

A couple of Q&A from emails I have received this week:

**Q: Can I vote even if I cannot attend the meeting?**

A: Yes! We will set up some electronic voting which will be left open for 3 days. Details to come on this next week.

**Q: Will I be able to opt out?**

A: Yes, if the publisher refuses to accept the addendum to the copyright agreement. In the proposed text for the policy, it indicates that *the student is able to waive this policy by uploading the bibliographic details for the article ... to the public open-access repository ...* Check out the policy at the bottom of this email!

**Q: Does free food just mean pizza?**

A: No! We got a delicious order of sandwiches from CoHo, plus fruit!

**Q: Isn't there some easy-to-understand video that explains Open Access?**

A: Yes! You know PhD Comics? PhD comics support Open Access and made an [8 minute video](#) that gives a nice overview of what it is and why it matters!

Please see the email below for details, especially the proposed text for the policy at the very bottom.

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Thanks,

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