



# All About SUNY Oneonta Open Access Repository

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The SUNY Open Access Repository (SOAR) is an online digital repository that makes scholarly works of SUNY campuses widely available. This is an available resource for both faculty and students that should be more used and known about throughout our community. I have worked with our campus' head of scholarly communications, in the backend of the SOAR website uploading these documents and making the website more readily accessible to our community. After working closely with SOAR while also attending SUNY Oneonta, I have realized how little students know about it along with how rarely faculty members and professors advertise SOAR as a resource for not only getting reliable information but also promoting their scholarly works. My goal for this research is to spread awareness of the benefits of SOAR and Open Access as a whole, along with what qualifications your work must meet in order to be eligible for submission into the repository. Furthermore, I wish to share my knowledge of open access scholarly works and the pros and cons that come with them.

## What is SOAR?

SOAR stands for SUNY Open Access Repository. It is an online digital repository that stores indexes, and makes available scholarly creative works of faculty, students, and staff across SUNY campus. SOAR serves as an open platform for all SUNY campuses to share student and faculty work.



Above is a depiction of student work in SOAR. The descriptive features like abstract, author, title, etc. are all examples of metadata that help viewers find and understand the items.

## Benefits of SOAR

As a student you can put on a resume that you have work published on an open platform available to all.

Benefits faculty by allowing them to share their published work on an open platform.

Every item in SOAR is indexed by Google



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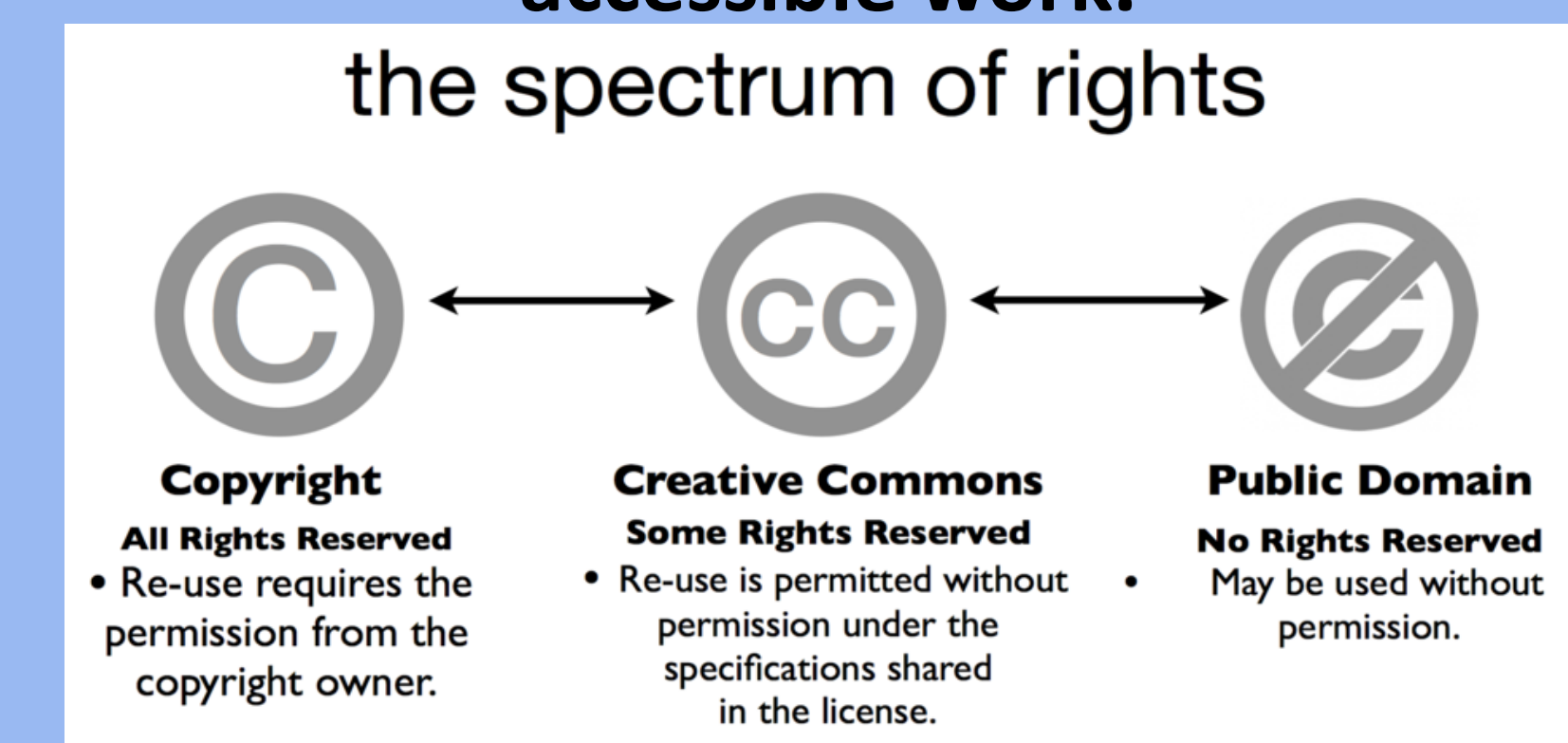
**"Open Access** is defined as typically free or low cost, timely, online availability of scholarly and creative works."  
**Definition from SUNY**

<https://system.suny.edu/academic-affairs/open-access/>

## What I've Learned from SOAR

I have worked with SUNY Oneonta's sector of SOAR uploading scholarly works and metadata submitted by students and faculty. Through this experience I have learned about accessibility and copyright. Copyrights are the rights put on published original works that keep them protected and allow the owner to reproduce, distribute copies, perform, and display a work publicly.

Creative Commons Licensing and open access platforms allow for sharing of otherwise copyrighted works. If you choose to share in SOAR or by applying a creative commons license to your work, this gives access of your work to other people that can be used to build upon or to share. There are different kinds of creative commons licensing, some that are more restricted and require crediting work to the original creator, and some not so strict. But all around it allows for more accessible work.



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## How can you submit work to SOAR ?

- Go to [SOAR.SUNY.edu](https://SOAR.SUNY.edu) and navigate to the Oneonta Campus Community. See the news section for guides to faculty and student submissions. This will include what type of content is eligible for submission.
- Students participating in SRCA have the option to include their poster in SOAR through the SRCA application form.

## SUNY ONEONTA

Welcome to SUNY Oneonta's institutional repository! We are proud to offer open access to the research and creative works of our students, faculty, and staff. Digital collections related to scholarly programming and events are also housed here.

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