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## Cal Poly Joins 22 CSU Campuses in Supporting Public Access to Health Research

SAN LUIS OBISPO — Cal Poly and the other 22 libraries of the California State University system have shown their commitment to providing students and faculty equitable access to quality research and information by passing a resolution in support of A.B. 609, ensuring that publicly funded research is available to the public.

The Council of Library Deans passed the resolution in support of the new law, which requires public access to research funded by the California Department of Public Health within 12 months of initial publication. This way, doctors, patients, researchers, educators, students, entrepreneurs, and others can benefit from the research.

California is the first state to pass such legislation, titled [California Taxpayer Access to Publicly Funded Research Legislation \(A.B. 609\)](#) and signed into law Sept. 29 by Governor Jerry Brown.

"Research that is funded by the government should not be held behind a paywall that is erected by commercial publishers and scientific organizations," said Mark Stover, dean of the Oviatt Library at CSU Northridge. "The state of California should not pay twice for research. This research, when published in peer reviewed journals, should be made available free of charge to the general public — particularly to students and faculty in state institutions like the CSU. A.B. 609 is one small but important step in this direction."

The CSU libraries support the goals of A.B. 609 by providing CSU scholars with services that support the open access requirements of state, federal, and other research funding agencies. Cal Poly's Kennedy Library is one 17 CSU libraries to provide digital archives for faculty and student scholarly works. Many of these archives are powered by CSU's ScholarWorks service, hosted by the Chancellor's Office.

In addition, librarians with expertise in scholarly publishing support open access by consulting with campus faculty on their publishing choices. Faculty can enhance the impact of their research by publishing in peer-reviewed open access journals.

"California's landmark legislation is just in time to celebrate [Open Access Week 2014](#) from Oct. 20-26," said Anna Gold, chair of the Council of Library Deans. "Open Access, together with [Affordable Learning Solutions](#), makes current research and knowledge accessible to all citizens and students."

Support for A.B. 609 was bipartisan, and also included the University of California and influential Californians in education, research, the technology industry, and public policy organizations.

For more information on the CSU Libraries, go to: <http://libraries.calstate.edu>.

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