

THE ADS POSITION ON OPEN ACCESS

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1. Introduction

The Smithsonian/NASA Astrophysics Data System has been a leader in providing access to the information available in astronomy since its inception, in 1992. The ADS had as its basic precept “Free Access to Metadata” and quickly added “Free Access to Archival Literature”. These concepts are responsible for much of the success of Astronomy’s Digital Library.

The ADS has also had a long-time collaboration with the arXiv, providing Open Access to the full text of articles. We are also involved with the full-text open-access experiments of nearly every publisher of physics and astronomy journals.

Through its collaborations with CDS/SIMBAD and NED, the ADS provides access to an enormous quantity of tabular and measurement data and, through its collaborations with the major archive and data centers, ADS provides access to a substantial fraction of astronomy’s raw observational data.

2. The ADS Policy on Open Access

The ADS supports the goal of Open Access, and encourages publishers, journals, scientific societies, and government agencies to develop methods to achieve this goal without degrading the existing system for scientific communication.

The ADS pledges to support these efforts.

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