



Human Rights Implications of Open Access Models

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ICESCR Article 15

1. Everyone has a right:

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(b) **To enjoy the benefits of scientific progress and its applications;**

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2. States must promote the **development and diffusion of science.**


3. States must respect the **freedom indispensable for scientific research.**

4. States must promote **international cooperation.**



Article 15.1.b

- Everyone has the right to **enjoy the benefits of scientific progress and its applications.**
- Link to **right to health.**
- Right to **essential medicines.**
- Research into **new essential medicines.**
- Right to **progress in biotechnology.**
- Patenting of **research tools** may impede these rights.

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- 15.2: States must promote the **development and diffusion of science.**
 - 15.3 States must recognise the **freedom indispensable for scientific research.**
 - Scientific progress is **cumulative.**
 - Benefits of **open models.**
 - Contribution of **open access.**
 - 15.4 States must promote **international cooperation.**



Article 15.1.c

- Everyone has the right to benefit from the protection of the **moral and material interests** resulting from any scientific, literary or artistic production of which he or she is an author.
- Individuals.
- Communities and traditional knowledge.