

## **Abstract of the Study**

The purpose of the study is to design a policy for open access resources in Bangladeshi academic institutions. This study focuses on the present state of open access (OA) resources at several Bangladeshi academic institutions. It has also made an effort to investigate how the academic community's approach, use, and awareness of open access (OA) resources. The objectives of the study were to find out the different aspects of Open Access (OA) resources regarding contribution to collection development and future scopes of open access resources to introduce policies and strategies to encourage the promotion of open access in Bangladesh; to design a policy framework; to survey the scholarly community, librarians, students, funders, publishers and stakeholders to assess the existing status and their suggestions; to introduce an OA resources policy in academic institutions in Bangladesh; to find out the barriers and limitations of policy implementation; and to put forward recommendations and concluding remarks. The current investigation makes use of a questionnaire, direct interviews, field visits, various documentation methods, and direct observation to sample academic institutions. The questionnaire technique has certain limitations when it comes to gathering data, therefore we used interviews and our observation methods to get the necessary data as a supplement to the questionnaire methods and to make the data easier to comprehend. Since it would be impractical to acquire a significant amount of data from every library for their study, a stratified random sampling approach was used to choose the sample. As a result, we picked 12 academic institutions—six public and six private—according to their founding year. The four sets of surveys were individually delivered to the academic community, students, librarians, publishers, and other stakeholders. The findings of the study have been presented in nine chapters, with detailed explanations. The researcher believes that more academics and stakeholders should have participated, but that was not feasible owing to several limitations. Academic institutions that have recently been founded were excluded from the research. The SWOT (a study conducted by an organization to determine its internal strengths and weaknesses as well as its external opportunities and threats) analysis of the proposed policy has not been taken into account. Due to budget limitations, the technological components of executing the policy have also been overlooked. 1 Finally, this study clarifies the structure of an open access policy for academic institutions, how it might operate, and how it would help the scholarly community. The policy should be implemented with the proper rules, enabling academic institutions to improve their current circumstances and prepare for any future challenges. All academic librarians, the scholarly community, funders, publishers, and other stakeholders will find useful guidance to build and implement the OA Policy in this proposed policy, in addition to the guidelines for policymakers at academic institutions. Researchers will discover new possibilities for exploration.