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Works cited

BOAI. (2011, December 16). *Budapest Open Access Initiative: Frequently asked questions*. Retrieved from <http://www.earlham.edu/~peters/fos/boaifaq.htm>

Appendix 1

Examples of approved Open Access policies at North American universities

[Athabasca](#)

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[Columbia: Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory](#)

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[Queen's: Queen's University Librarians and Archivists](#)

[Stanford: School of Education](#)

[University of Calgary: Library and Cultural Resources](#)