Background

Attempting to go out of business!

What does MJFF do?

+ Leading Parkinson's disease funder, established in 2000.

+ Funded more than $2.5bn to date, more than $450m in 2025.

+ OA policy in place since 2020, including coverage of APC fees.

What do I do?

+ At MJFF since 2019, with an array of roles.

+ Building initiatives on training and engaging researchers.

+ Developing, implementing, and iterating new OS policy.

Why expand open science initiatives?

Increase research impact, integrity, and engagement.

+ To <u>drive clearer disease definition, faster therapeutic development</u> by making high quality, easily usable research outputs **more widely accessible** and available to improve the lives of PwPD.

+ To <u>provide researchers with a head start</u>, so they can accelerate field-wide research, further de-risking subsequent investments in PD research & **increase engagement** between colleagues.

+ To <u>bolster our impact</u> as an enabler of scientific advancement and better equip the **next generation of PD researchers**.

What questions do we have?

+ Why do people care about prestige?

+ Who or what gets to confer it?

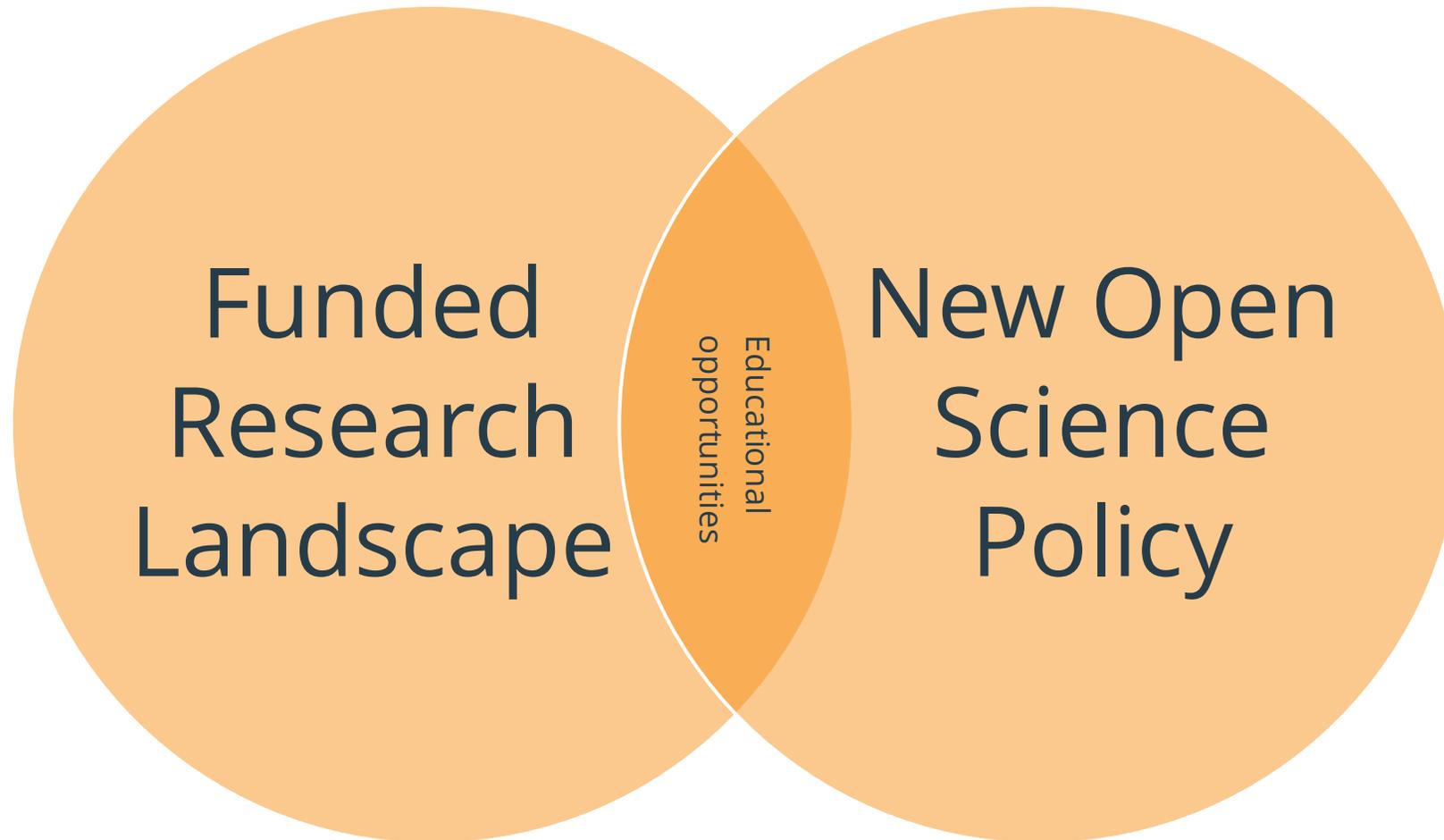+ Can we re-assess our answers that better serves our constituents?

Why do our researchers care?

Openness and dissonance.

+ Enjoy being able to benefit from open, preexisting tools that are made available to them free of charge (tools, models, cell lines, samples, data, code).

+ Appreciation of the conceptual underpinning around open science but live in the real world and publishing in high-impact journals is still king.

Where does opportunity lie?

Funded Research Landscape

Educational opportunities

New Open Science Policy

What are our current policies?

Fewer requirements, less enforcement, harder to track.

+ MJFF awardees required to use open licenses for publications, deposit code/data in accessible repositories, and share in preprint servers.

+ Research outputs have been historically hard to track in a systematic/automated manner under current policies.

+ Probably doesn't confer prestige because it is limited and simply an administrative requirement.

What is the current & future state?

Broadening our definition of openness from OA to OS.

Items	Policy	Change
Article Licensing, ORCIDs, Funder Acknowledgement	Required	Clarification
Data, Preprints	Required	Retain
Code/Software, Data/Code Availability Statement	Required	New
Materials, Pre-Registration, Protocols, RRIDs	Encouraged	New

What does this mean?

Trying to move the needle on perceptions of prestige.

+ Realistic about role publishing in peer-review journals plays in ongoing employment considerations.

+ Want to elevate value placed on other research contributions beyond articles and incorporate that into our grantmaking/review process.

+ Institute policies for better capturing and showcasing research outputs because it has historically favored articles because they are high visibility.

+ Include financial support to support high degree of uptake and compliance, because funding is often the end goal and we can provide that.

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