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- Have free access to reference textbooks and journals.
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- Gives access to full scholarly records and research resources that would otherwise not have been readily available.
- Open Access ensures that students receive the best possible education without being arbitrarily limited.

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Listed are some of the Open Access resources available for the Faculty of Natural Resources Management and Agriculture

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Open Research Library
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https://nap.nationalacademies.org/
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PubAg
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TEEAL (The Essential Electronic Agricultural Library)
http://www.teeal.org/
CAB (Centre for Agriculture and Biosciences) Abstracts
https://www.cabi.org/product-training/online-resources/

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(Databases that collect, manages, and store sensitive data sets for data analysis, sharing, and reporting)

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