

## Overview of Project

The [University of Southern Queensland](#)<sup>1</sup> (USQ) is the lead institution for the RUBRIC project.

USQ is partnered by the:

- [University of New England](#)<sup>2</sup>
- [University of the Sunshine Coast](#)<sup>3</sup>
- [University of Newcastle](#)<sup>4</sup> (cross-sectoral partner, liaison for [IRUA](#)<sup>5</sup>)
- [Massey University](#)<sup>6</sup> in New Zealand (international partner).

The [e-Framework](#)<sup>7</sup> component of the project provides further avenues of collaboration, as this is a joint initiative between [DEST](#)<sup>8</sup> and [JISC](#)<sup>9</sup> (Joint Information Systems Committee) in the UK.

The [RUBRIC bid](#)<sup>10</sup> was submitted to DEST in May 2005 under the criteria "Maximising access to digital resources in Australian universities, especially regional universities" with the premise that regional and smaller universities have a need to access, manage and disseminate research information and learning resources in much the same way as the large established research universities but often face significant challenges in establishing appropriate infrastructure.

Overall, the proposal will:

- Build capability across smaller research universities in the IRUA group and country areas
- Enable the research output of those institutions to be available trans-nationally
- Contributing to the research mission of higher education in Australia and internationally through collaboration with NZ partners.

A major deliverable of the Project is the [RUBRIC Toolkit](#)<sup>11</sup> that can assist others to develop repository solutions based on the collective experience of the RUBRIC Partners. The Toolkit was launched at [!DEA 2007](#)<sup>12</sup> in October.

For further project details including a public version of the grant submission as well as the project objectives and deliverables refer to Project Details and FAQ

The RUBRIC Project organisational structure is well defined.

- 1 <http://www.usq.edu.au/>
- 2 <http://www.une.edu.au/>
- 3 <http://www.usc.edu.au/>
- 4 <http://www.newcastle.edu.au/>
- 5 <http://www.irua.edu.au/>
- 6 <http://www.massey.ac.nz/>
- 7 <http://www.e-framework.org/>
- 8 <http://www.dest.gov.au/>
- 9 <http://www.jisc.ac.uk/>
- 10 <http://www.rubric.edu.au/bid/default.htm>
- 11 [http://www.rubric.edu.au/packages/RUBRIC\\_Toolkit/default.htm](http://www.rubric.edu.au/packages/RUBRIC_Toolkit/default.htm)
- 12 <http://www.linkaffiliates.net.au/idea2007/>