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**Institutional Repository
A Survey of Academic and Research Needs
at The University of Newcastle**



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PURPOSE OF THE SURVEY

The purpose of this survey is to collect information to inform the development of the University of Newcastle's Institutional Repository. The University is a partner in the Regional Universities Building Research Infrastructure Collaboratively (RUBRIC) project. RUBRIC is a national collaborative project funded by the Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST) to develop institutional repositories.

The University's institutional repository will provide services to capture, store, index, preserve and disseminate our research output. The aim of this survey is to collect information on:

- digital formats used to create, report and distribute research
- perceived value of institutional repositories
- copyright, publishing, storage and archiving issues associated with research
- level of interest in contributing to a repository
- any concerns associated with contributing to a repository

PARTICIPANTS

Academic staff and research higher degree students of the University of Newcastle are invited to participate in the survey.

BENEFITS OF THE SURVEY

The results of the survey will assist in the implementation of our institutional repository and inform the development of an appropriate service model.

If you have any questions concerning this survey please contact the Rubric Project Manager, Vicki Picasso, on telephone 4921 5861 or by sending an email to Vicki.Picasso@newcastle.edu.au

Instructions:

The survey should take between 10 and 15 minutes to complete.

- Some items are compulsory. You will not be able to save your answers and move on to the next section until you have responded to the compulsory items.
- Some responses will take you automatically to the next screen without the need to "Save Answers".
- Should you encounter any problems completing the survey please email the [Survey Administrator](#)

Thank you very much for your co-operation

SURVEY QUESTIONS

About You

1... Which option best describes you?

Academic staff

Postgraduate student

Research assistant

Other (please specify below)

2... With which of the following are you most closely associated?

Faculty of Business and Law

Faculty of Education and Arts

Faculty of Engineering and Built Environment

Faculty of Health

Faculty of Science and Information Technology

Other (please specify below)

Question 3... Please consider each of the following statements and select the response which most closely reflects your level of agreement.

An institutional repository would be a valuable tool if it could:

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Not Applicable
a. make postprint versions of my research available to a worldwide audience	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. make my research available faster than the traditional publishing process	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. make available types of materials that have not been made available through the traditional publishing process, including datasets and rich media formats such as audio, video and graphic images	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. make my research available with very minimal effort on my part and without my having to maintain a website of my own	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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e. provide long-term preservation of my digital research materials	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. make it easy for other people to search for and locate my work	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. allow me to search for the most current findings of my colleagues throughout the university	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. preserve the research of the university in a convenient, central place	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Question 4a... Which of the following usually apply when you submit an article or other work for publication?
 Select all that apply.**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I surrender the copyright of all submitted materials to the publisher
<input type="checkbox"/>	I pay a flat fee to submit materials
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am required to pay page charges
<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither the article nor any part of its essential substance, tables, or figures may be published or submitted elsewhere before submission to the publisher
<input type="checkbox"/>	Preprints may be posted on recognised preprint servers if the server is identified to the editor upon submission of the paper, or with other minor restrictions
<input type="checkbox"/>	I retain the right to post the final work on the web
<input type="checkbox"/>	I retain the right to use the published materials in the courses I teach
<input type="checkbox"/>	I don't typically get engaged in the submission process, so I am unfamiliar with its requirements
<input type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable
<input type="checkbox"/>	I don't know
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify below)

Question 4b... Any additional comments about Question 4a?

Question 5... Would you be interested in contributing to the repository?

Yes

No

Question 5a... What types of material would you be interested in contributing to the repository?

Select all that apply.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	E-Prints (pre-prints or post-prints)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Scholarly journal articles
<input type="checkbox"/>	Symposia or conference papers
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Technical papers
<input type="checkbox"/>	Working papers
<input type="checkbox"/>	Theses/dissertations
<input type="checkbox"/>	Data sets
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify below)

Question 5b... Any additional comments about Question 5a?

Question 6a... Do you have any publishing, archiving or storage problems that the institutional repository may be able to solve for you?

Not Applicable

No

Yes (please specify below)

Question 6b... Any additional comments about Question 6a?

Question 7a... Do you anticipate needing support to archive, store or disseminate your research and scholarly material in the institutional repository?

No

Yes (please specify below)

Question 7b... Any additional comments about Question 7a?

Question 8a... Overall, how interested are you in using an institutional repository when it becomes available at the university?

Extremely interested

Very interested

Somewhat interested

Slightly interested

Question 8b... Any additional comments about Question 8a?

**Question 9a... My concerns about submitting to an institutional repository include:
 Select all that apply.**

<input type="checkbox"/>	I worry it might constitute prior publication and prevent me from submitting my work to journals.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I am hesitant to submit my work to a repository that does not have a formal review policy or other quality control process.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I prefer that only my formally published works be available for public consumption.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am hesitant to assign distribution rights for my scholarly works to the university.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I would be worried about the risk to the patentability of my ideas.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am concerned that works submitted to an institutional repository will not have citation value.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am uncomfortable using electronic resources such as word processors, spreadsheets, the Internet, and email.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I already submit to a preprint server.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify below)

Question 9b... Any additional comments about Question 9a?

Question 10... How would you like to be kept informed of developments relating to the institutional repository?

Select all that apply.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Through a project website
<input type="checkbox"/>	Receive a periodic newsletter about the repository
<input type="checkbox"/>	Read about developments in existing University publications
<input type="checkbox"/>	Receive email announcements about the project
<input type="checkbox"/>	Attend periodic presentation/information sessions
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify below)

Question 11... Do you agree that the information you provide in this survey can be included in grouped anonymous data for reporting at conferences and in publications?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	No

Question 12... Would you like to make any further comments?