Open Research Online - a self-archiving success story

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Sometimes getting as much as 80% of the University’s journal article output voluntarily deposited.

Currently getting around 36 full-text deposits per week, compared to a low of 2 per week before the advocacy/development campaign.

- Advocacy:
  - Questions: Is a mandate the only way? (Evidence from a self-archiving, non-mandated repository)
  - Deposits = Development

Open Research Online: A Self-Archiving Success Story

- Scholarly communication
- Quality
- Open access
- Ease of deposit
- DOI import
- Self-archiving

Just some of the developments we’ve been working on!

- Group Feeds
- Google Analytics
- Research Information Integration
- Gatekeeper controlled groups
- Embed ORO feed feature
- Research publications website integration
- Frequently downloaded items
- Discoverable
- Prospectus feeds
- MePrints
- Personal Profiles
- REF
- Export Scripts
- Bibliometrics
- Single sign-on
- Integration
- Video Tutorials
- SNEEP
- Current user groups
- Drop-in sessions
- User training
- Copyright Advice
- User group
- Engagement with academics
- Presentations
- Researcher Induction
- Departmental meetings
- User training
- Copyright Advice
- Research impact

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ORO currently contains an estimated 63% of the OU’s journal output published in 2008 and 2009.

12,500 items; 28% full text.

Visitors: More than 1 million in the last 3 years... estimated 35% academics and 30% research students.

Question: Is a mandate the only way? (Evidence from a self-archiving, non-mandated repository)

Answer: As demonstrated, effective advocacy and development can result in 60%+ coverage of peer-reviewed journal output. For institutions that are reluctant or not yet ready to introduce a mandate, it is still possible to maintain a well-populated, well-used and sustainable research repository.