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**Institutional Repository: A Survey of Academic
and Research Needs at The University of the Sunshine
Coast**

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SURVEY TITLE:

Institutional Repository: A Survey of Academic and Research Needs

SURVEY AIM:

This survey aims to:

- Collect information to inform the development of the University of the Sunshine Coast's institutional repository
- Investigate USC perceptions of institutional repositories
- Gain an understanding of current practices and expectations for publishing and distributing research.
- Develop an understanding of USC research output document types (to assist in the development of an institutional repository collection development policy)

SURVEY PARTICIPANTS:

Staff and students from the University of the Sunshine Coast are invited to participate in the survey.

SURVEY DURATION:

Participants will need to spend approximately 15 minutes to fill out the survey.

SURVEY BENEFITS:

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

DEFINITION:

An institutional repository is a database with a set of services to capture, store, index, preserve and redistribute a university's scholarly research in digital formats. From: Barton, Mary R., and Margaret M. Waters. 2004. Creating an Institutional Repository: LEADIRS Workbook. Cambridge, MA: Learning About Digital Institutional Repositories (LEADIRS), MIT Libraries.

Any questions concerning this survey can be directed to USC RUBRIC Coordinator, Kate Watson on 07 5459 4417 or by email at kwatson@usc.edu.au

Thank you very much for your co-operation.

EMAIL INVITATION:

Colleagues,

Some of you will be aware of the RUBRIC project that is being managed by Kate Watson from Information Services. Successful implementation will provide a superior research repository to be accessed by staff and students. It will be a fantastic facility. Following is an invitation to complete a survey that will assist Kate in designing a system that meets our needs. I'd certainly encourage you all to set aside a little time and complete the survey.

Greg

Professor Greg Hill

Deputy Vice-Chancellor

University of the Sunshine Coast

You are invited to participate in the following survey:

<http://surveymanager.newcastle.edu.au/login.asp?anom=69x3x2>

The University of the Sunshine Coast is currently working on a project to plan and implement an Institutional Repository for the University. To ensure the proposed institutional repository meets the requirements of the USC research community, we are seeking feedback from the USC community via an online survey. Staff and students from the University of the Sunshine Coast are invited to participate in this survey.

To begin the survey, please click on the following URL:

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Please note that the survey will take approximately 15 minutes to complete and can only be completed once. The URL will remain live until the 18th August.

Please note this is an internal USC survey, not for distribution outside USC.

If you experience any difficulties accessing or completing the survey, please do not hesitate to contact USC RUBRIC Coordinator, Kate Watson at kwatson@usc.edu.au or 07 5459 4417.

Thank you in advance for your participation and co-operation.

SURVEY QUESTIONS:

The survey was conducted using online survey software.

This is a list of the questions without the formatting and design included in the online survey.

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 Arts and Social Sciences
- Faculty of Business
- Faculty of Science, Health and Education
- Research Centre/Research Institute
- 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:

- a. make postprint versions of my research available to a worldwide audience
- b. make my research available faster than the traditional publishing process
- 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
- d. make my research available with very minimal effort on my part and without my having to maintain a website of my own
- e. provide long-term preservation of my digital research materials
- f. make it easy for other people to search for and locate my work
- g. allow me to search for the most current findings of my colleagues throughout the university
- h. preserve the research of the university in a convenient, central place

(Strongly disagree – Disagree - Neutral - Agree - Strongly agree - Not Applicable)

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

- I surrender the copyright of all submitted materials to the publisher
- I pay a flat fee to submit materials
- I am required to pay page charges
- Neither the article nor any part of its essential substance, tables, or figures may be published or submitted elsewhere before submission to the publisher
- 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
- I retain the right to post the final work on the web
- I retain the right to use the published materials in the courses I teach
- I don't typically get engaged in the submission process, so I am unfamiliar with its requirements
- Not applicable
- I don't know
- 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.*

- E-Prints (pre-prints or post-prints)
- Scholarly journal articles
- Symposia or conference papers
- Technical papers
- Working papers
- Theses/dissertations
- Data sets
- 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.*

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

- Through a project website
- Receive a periodic newsletter about the repository
- Read about developments in existing University publications
- Receive email announcements about the project
- Attend periodic presentation/information sessions
- 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?

- Yes
- No

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