

NECTAR: the Northampton Electronic Collection of Theses and Research

This briefing sheet outlines the fundamental principles underlying NECTAR, the proposed institutional repository for the University of Northampton. Your comments and suggestions are welcomed – please contact Miggie Pickton.

Purpose

1. The purpose of the repository is to showcase UoN research.
2. The purpose of the repository is to preserve UoN research.

Content

3. NECTAR will contain the following:
 - Scholarly outputs as currently included in the UoN Research Report, namely:
 - articles/abstracts/reviews/letters in refereed journals
 - articles/newsletters/abstracts/reviews in unrefereed journals
 - authored books and monographs
 - edited books and monographs
 - chapters in books
 - published conference proceedings
 - conference presentations
 - electronic outputs
 - published maps
 - patents
 - performances, exhibitions and broadcasts (including audio, video and digital images)
 - Research degree theses (PhD, MPhil)
 - Material published in the new UoN student journal

These different types of material will be differentiated within NECTAR, both by their metadata and through the organisation of the repository.

4. Entry of bibliographic details (metadata) only will be accepted in NECTAR if it is legally or technically impossible to include the full work (e.g. if copyright prevents submission or if it is artwork or a performance). Full text (or other complete content) is preferred.
5. Deposit in NECTAR will be embedded into standard institutional research practice. Existing processes for research reporting will include submission to NECTAR. UoN statistics for research output will be derived from NECTAR content.

Submission

6. Input to NECTAR will be mediated by repository staff who will be responsible for checking presentation, metadata and copyright. Impact on author workload will thus be minimised.

Adoption and advocacy

7. NECTAR is for the benefit of the whole university. In order to encourage ownership by the academic community NECTAR will be championed by research leaders (specifically, by the UoN Research Committee).
8. NECTAR will be implemented by a Steering Group and Project Team who will liaise with representatives of the scholarly community to ensure that the repository meets their needs.

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