



Bradford Scholars now on the web!

The repository at Bradford is now visible on the web

The long wait is over. The University of Bradford institutional repository—Bradford Scholars—is finally available to any web user. This means that our staff may access the service from home as well as office and contribute their research at a convenient time. It also means that the University's research footprint is visible to the world on the World Wide Web.

Content

Bradford Scholars currently hosts over 200 items ranging from journal articles to briefing papers. The numbers are going up every week as more and more academics at Bradford start to contribute their research.

Depositing your paper is simple. Academics only need to register at <http://bradscholars.brad.ac.uk>

as contributors. Once the registration is completed, depositing is easy via our deposit form. Help is also available via the various guides and help sheets on the repository site or by email and phone. The contact details for the repository staff are available at the end of the newsletter.

Finding content in Bradford Scholars

How does the public locate papers produced by academics at Bradford? It is straightforward. Users may visit our site to browse content by School or research group. The repository itself is easy to locate on the web and via the University's homepage.

After Christmas the repository at Bradford will be part of a number of repository hubs. One example is the Intute Repository Search service at <http://www.intute.ac.uk/irs>.

Using the repository search service at Intute, users are guaranteed quality research papers from number of UK and international research repositories. A similar service is available via OpenDOAR at <http://www.opendoar.org/> where users can not only search content in repositories across the globe, but users can also locate repositories themselves.

Most users will locate relevant content by running a keyword or author name search in a search engine like Google, Yahoo or MSN. Papers in repositories are harvested by search engines and often pushed higher on any search result lists than entries on static web pages.

Bradford Scholars will be registered with all the repository hubs, search services and search engines after Christmas, in order to

optimise the visibility of our research content. Watch out for further announcements and milestones in the online Staff Briefing, eResources blog, the Library news pages and, of course, the next issue of BURP! Newsletter due out in Spring 2009.



Register now with Bradford Scholars and start making your research more visible on the web!

You can deposit your papers 24/7 where ever you have an internet connection. Visit <http://bradscholars.brad.ac.uk> to Register and contribute your research papers.

Tips and information for authors wanting to contribute their research

Copyright - does my publisher permit me to self-archive my papers in the repository?

The answer in most cases is "Yes". Of all the 1000s of journal titles being published around the world, over 90% permit authors to reuse their papers in an open access repository. If you are not sure if your paper is included, contact the repository staff for help or visit Bradford Scholars at <http://bradscholars.brad.ac.uk> for further information.

Citation rates - what does the researcher benefit from placing papers in a repository?

Authors gain higher visibility and increased citation rates for their papers. Depending on subject area the increase in citation rates varies between 50% and 250%. Visit <http://adt.caul.edu/au/etd2005/papers/143harnad.pdf> for more information on citation impact.

How to contribute - How much work is involved?

All you need to do register as a contributor and use the web form at <http://bradscholars.brad.ac.uk> to include your papers in the repository. Repository staff are happy to help if you have a large archive to contribute right away. Contact us via email at bradscholars@bradford.ac.uk to see how we can assist. Depositing any future papers takes a matter of a few minutes.