Iowa Research Online
The University of Iowa’s Institutional Repository

Iowa Research Online (IRO) [http://ir.uiowa.edu/] is a dynamic archive created to increase the impact of scholarly and creative work at The University of Iowa. IRO offers the ability to view publications by department, academic discipline or author.

What is a repository?

A repository is a place where scholars can deposit digital content they have created. These open access repositories accept all types of scholarly materials—virtually any digital material that the institution wishes to preserve.

Repositories exist for individual institutions (e.g. IRO at the University of Iowa) and for specific disciplines. Disciplinary repositories include but are not limited to:

- **CogPrints**: An electronic self-archive for papers in psychology, neuroscience, linguistics, computer science, philosophy, biology, medicine, anthropology, and areas in the physical, social, and mathematical sciences that relate to the study of cognition.
- **PubMed Central**: The U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH) free digital archive of biomedical and life sciences journal literature. See also http://guides.lib.uiowa.edu/nihpublicaccess for information about The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Public Access Policy.
- **ArXiv**: For physics, mathematics, computer science, quantitative biology, and quantitative finance and statistics.

What can be included?

Anything for which you retain copyright, such as presentations and working papers, can be added to IRO. Through the less-restrictive copyright policies of a number of publishers, you can also increase the use and impact of your scholarly articles by adding them to repositories like IRO. Many articles, however, cannot be posted because of publisher restrictions.

- Published articles in peer-reviewed journals
- Unpublished papers and reports
- Presentations (PowerPoint, text of talk, recording of talk)
- Theses and dissertations
- Audio and video files
- Supplemental materials

**Example**: http://ir.uiowa.edu/polisci_pubs/
Publicize Your Scholarship

- All your publications can be collected in one place
- Full-text indexing increases search options
- High Google rankings increase your visibility
- Monthly usage statistics emailed to authors
- Quickly make research available
- Embargoes supported for journal articles to conform to publication guidelines
- Easily add articles from PubMed
- RSS feeds and automatic email notification of newly published content
- Highlight work of entire department
- Accessible to researchers around the world who may have limited access to scholarly materials

Preserve Your Scholarship

- Stable URLs ensure long-term access
- Ensures long-term access to the University’s scholarly life

Additional Features of IRO

- Manage submissions and host your peer-reviewed journal on IRO server
- Manage conference scheduling, submissions, and proceedings
- Create a personal selected works web page, automatically populated with content from IRO

How to Contribute

- Send contributions to your subject specialist or submit on a web form (ir.uiowa.edu/submit_research.html)
- Let your subject specialist know if you are willing for us to add any of your permissible content
- Library staff will check copyright permissions and add your content

For More Information

Contact your subject specialist (http://www.lib.uiowa.edu/services/subspecialists/)

The local repository is part of the larger open access movement, which aims to provide free access to research for broad dissemination among all interested scholars. For more information about scholarly communication, open access and other alternative publishing models, see http://www.lib.uiowa.edu/scholarly/.

You may also contact Wendy Robertson, Digital Scholarship Librarian (319-335-5821 or lib-ir@uiowa.edu).