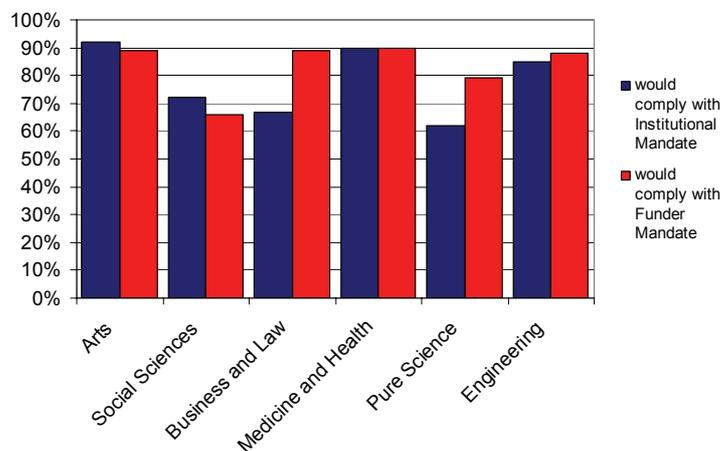




IncReASe Increasing repository content through automation and services

Questionnaire - Key findings

- 325 responses from across the Universities of Leeds, Sheffield and York.
- 81% would like their research publications freely available online.
- 79% do not submit details of their publications anywhere outside of the university.
- Most respondents' publications are not freely available online as only 4% of department websites across the White Rose universities have publications available.
- 68% were not aware of their funders' policies on open access.
- Over 85% would comply with an institutional or a funder mandate to deposit their research outputs in White Rose Research Online. This varies depending on discipline.



The White Rose universities are not currently considering an institutional mandate for deposit. However, many of the large funding bodies, such as the Research Councils, already have a mandate in place. White Rose Research Online can help satisfy the Open Access requirements of most funding bodies.

- 15% of respondents do archive their publications outside of the university. The most popular places to deposit (apart from WRRO) were subject repositories such as arXiv (predominantly for physics, maths and computer science), UK PubMed Central (life sciences) or with funding bodies such as ESRC, NERC, NHS, British Heart Foundation and the Leverhulme Trust.

Drivers for increased deposit

Top three services that respondents said would encourage them to use WRRO:

- 1 - Download / usage statistics about publications** (62%) see current developments below.
- 2 - Links to papers from personal websites** (57%) we already encourage this so please contact us for more information.
- 3 - RSS feeds** (43%) update you when papers have been added in your department, or your subject area across the three universities. Already available from WRRO.

Why should you use White Rose Research Online?

"I can't access some of my own publications because we don't subscribe to the journals."

"It's a good thing. Research needs to be available to all, not just those associated with wealthy academic institutions."

These are just two of the reasons given by our respondents as to why they felt it was important to use WRRO. It is not possible for all universities to subscribe to all journals. By depositing in WRRO you are making sure your work reaches a wider audience. Papers deposited in WRRO can be found by searching Google and Google Scholar, as well as other search engines.

Current developments

- We are working with the ESRC so grant holders can deposit their project outputs and publications with us and we will forward them to the ESRC. This will help make it easier for grant holders to fulfil the ESRC Open Access requirements.
- Continuing our aim of "deposit once, multiple uses" we are working closely to develop links with local university administrative systems to assist those who wish to deposit their papers.
- We already provide some access statistics for WRRO. We are developing customisable statistics for individuals, for departments and faculties. This will be available soon.

Funders

68% of respondents were not aware of their funders' policies on Open Access. Of the **7 major** Research Councils in the UK, only one does not yet have a mandate for making work available through Open Access. Information about research funders' policies on Open Access can be found on Juliet at www.sherpa.ac.uk/juliet or on funders' websites.

Copyright

Copyright was one of the key concerns respondents had about depositing in repositories such as WRRO. However, most publishers do allow authors to deposit a version of their papers, usually the final draft after it has been peer-reviewed. We are very aware of the difficulties some authors experience and are available to provide advice and help. Information about publishers' depositing policies is available on Romeo available at www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo or contact us with your requests.

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