

Bradford Scholars – an institutional repository

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Benefits to you as a researcher

Your research is made available to the worldwide scholarly community on a scale not possible in print. This higher visibility in turn translates into

- ◆ Increased citation rates for your papers
- ◆ Your research having higher impact

You will also enjoy the advantages of a centrally managed service with guaranteed longevity and permanent identifiers to your papers.

Benefits to research and society

Bradford Scholars...

- ◆ helps to free research outputs from access barriers and subscription charges
- ◆ speeds up and broadens research sharing
- ◆ provides long-term storage for research
- ◆ enables cross-institutional searching and quicker access to research materials

What types of content does Bradford Scholars host?

The repository accepts a range of materials both published and unpublished:

- ◆ Journal articles
- ◆ Conference papers and presentations
- ◆ MPhil and PhD theses
- ◆ Books and book chapters
- ◆ Working papers, occasional papers, reports

This list is not exhaustive. Bradford Scholars staff are happy to accept text and image files as well as some less traditional research output types. If you are not sure whether your work would be accepted, contact repository staff at bradscholars@bradford.ac.uk.

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It is worth noting that the European Research Council (ERC) and the European Commission have also published statements regarding their mandates.

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