

Bradford Scholars – repository benefits

WHAT IS BRADFORD SCHOLARS?

Bradford Scholars is the online digital repository of the University of Bradford. The purpose of the repository is to showcase the research papers published by staff at the University. The repository is thus institutionally defined and not based on any one subject area or School. The repository will also be cumulative accepting new materials as and when they are published. The aim is also to be interoperable with other in-house systems like the Blackboard VLE, Library Catalogue and the Terminal4 CMS. Because an institutional repository of this nature is openly accessible to anyone, the content may be harvested by national and international repositories and the content may be discovered via search engines like Google and Google Scholar.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF A REPOSITORY?

Individual researchers:

The benefits of depositing scholarly works to an open repository are numerous. By contributing your research to a repository you will be

- Making research more visible on the web
- Reaching a wider readership via free access to research
- Achieving higher citation rates and impact
- Contributing to open access to research
- Provided with long-term preservation
- Given permanent identifiers for each deposited paper (these links will never change and will guide your readers to your research even 20 years down the line)

The institution as a whole:

At an institutional level the benefits of repositories overlap somewhat those to individuals. Repositories can

- Showcase the University's scholarly footprint
- Provide long-term preservation to research outputs
- Act as a route for the institution to take part in providing open access to scholarly works
- Demonstrate the scientific, social and economic relevance of the institution's research activities