

Survey of electronic dissertation IR deposit policies Summer 2007

On June 26 this year I sent this survey to the Chief Collection Development Officers of ARL Libraries Listserv

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Subject: Quick survey on ETD's in IR's
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Dear Colleagues- I am in the process of negotiating with our Graduate School the policy under which theses and dissertations (T&D's) are deposited in our institutional repository (<http://ecommons.cornell.edu>)

The graduate school will currently agree to a policy which "mandates all electronically deposit T&D's go into the IR. The default submission would be to a dark or closed (ie full text is inaccessible, abstract is accessible) portion of the IR unless the student agreed (by checking a box on the form) to have it open. After 5 years the library could/would try to contact the student to gain permission to have it moved to the open portion of the IR."

I am trying to convince the graduate school to have the default be to move T&D to the open portion after 5 years UNLESS the student specifically requests that it remain "dark" for another 5 years. So can you tell me what happens at your institution:

1. Institution Name
2. IR URL:
3. T&D's are mandated for deposit (Y or N)
4. Default deposit is Open_____ Closed_____
5. IF Closed for how many years??
6. What is your arrangement for moving from Open to Closed

Thank you very much . I'd be glad to summarize. Cheers- john

The results of the survey are now posted in an excel spreadsheet [here](#)

Here is my take on a quick summary.

I received email responses from 32 institutions.

-29 reported having an institutional repository (IR) URL

-16 of the 29 reported some form of mandated electronic deposit (Virginia schools are definitely the leaders in this)

-of the 13 who said electronic deposit is not mandatory- 6 said they were working on and it and will become mandatory

-of the 29 reporting an IR- 23 said the default deposit, whether optional or mandatory is open as opposed to closed

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