

About the Unitec Research Bank (updated 12/08/16)

Unitec's Research Bank is an Institutional Research Repository (IRR) in which research carried out at Unitec is made available to the world.

The purpose of the Research Bank is to make Unitec research as widely available as possible, by providing free access to it over the Internet, and making it easily found by Internet search engines.

This repository was developed using DSpace, an open source software platform. Contents of the repository are listed on nzresearch.org.nz as well as being available via Primo Central Index and internet search engines such as Google scholar. The repository is also accessible from a number of global IRR aggregators e.g. <http://www.openoar.org/>.

The Research Bank is administered by Unitec Library.

What are the benefits of the Research Bank?

Institutional Research Repositories like Research Bank have become universal features of contemporary tertiary institutions. Every university in New Zealand has a repository. The benefits of having a repository include the following:

- Research Bank makes Unitec research freely available around the world. Collecting all Unitec's research in one place makes clear the range of the work carried out at Unitec.
- Unitec's status as a research institution is thereby enhanced, making it more attractive to prospective staff and students.
- Research is more visible and easier to find and link to:
 - o Research that is easier to find is more widely read, increasing its impact and citation rates.
 - o Individual Research Bank records link to and from the staff profile pages where their publications are listed similar linkages for the thesis supervisors.
 - o Each record has a "permanent URL" which researchers can forward to interested parties knowing the link will keep working even if the IRR platform or institution name changes.

What kind of research is collected in the Research Bank?

The Research Bank collects a range of different types and formats of research including images and video as well as written documents such as: journal articles, theses and conference papers.

Who can use the Research Bank?

The Research Bank is an open-access resource that is available to everyone. If for some reason the item is restricted from open-access than it's not eligible for inclusion.

How do I find material in the Research Bank?

There is a search box on every page of the Research Bank that you can search using keywords. There is an Advanced Search page for more complex searching.

You can also browse the Research Bank by academic study area.

How do I add research?

If you are a staff member you need only add your research to the Research Outputs Management System (ROMS). The Research Bank (RB) team in the Library receive input for RB from the Research Outputs Management System (ROMS) which is managed by the Unitec Research Office. ROMS can be found here <http://unitec.roms.intuto.com>

For student research outputs the library works with Unitec's Research Office to obtain post graduate and masters theses.

Copyright clearance

See section "Copyright clearance for your research" at this address for what this involves:

<http://unitec.researchbank.ac.nz/how-to-deposit>

How do I know my research impact?

The number of times each work has been consulted directly via Research Bank can be found on the Research Bank statistics page. However, we also collect other analytics such as Google Analytics which we can provide to you on request. Research Bank also includes an Altmetrics integration which indicates how often the record is tweeted etc. For other ways to monitor the impact of your research yourself e.g. by using “Impact Story” see our Open Access Guide here: <http://libguides.unitec.ac.nz/openaccess>.

More information

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