About the Research Bank (updated 23/03/2021)

The Research Bank is an Institutional Research Repository (IRR) in which research carried out at EIT (Eastern Institute of Technology), Otago Polytechnic, Toi Ohomai Institute of Technology and Unitec Institute of Technology is made available to the world.

The purpose of the Research Bank is to make our research as widely available as possible, by providing free access to it online, and making it easily found by 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 search engines such as Google Scholar. The repository is also accessible from a number of global IRR aggregators e.g. http://www.opendoar.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 research freely available around the world. Collecting all our research in one place makes clear the range of the work

• 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:
  • Research that is easier to find is more widely read, increasing its impact and citation rates.

  • 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?

EIT (Eastern Institute of Technology)

For student research outputs the library works with EIT’s Research and Innovation Centre to obtain graduate and masters theses.

Staff please contact the Research and Innovation Centre. Email ric@eit.ac.nz

Otago Polytechnic

Students please click here for an online form

Staff please email opres@op.ac.nz

Toi Ohomai Institute of Technology

Students please click here to go to the Research Submission page.

Staff please contact the Research Office. Email research@toiohomai.ac.n

Unitec Institute of Technology

Staff members simply add research to the Research Outputs Management System (ROMS). http://unitec.roms.intuto.com

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Copyright clearance for your research

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formatting may be quite different. In almost all cases where the use of the final
draft is permitted, the publisher also insists on the inclusion of a set phrase that identifies
the definitive version of the paper as their own, together with a link to their authorised
version.

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.

More information
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