ETD Submissions: From ProQuest to Digital Commons

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Outline

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Institutional Overview and History of ETDs at WVU
Institutional Overview/History of ETDs

West Virginia University
• R1, land-grant university
• Over 200 graduate programs
• No central Graduate College
ETDs at West Virginia University
• ETD program established in late 1990s
• Used Ex Libris’ DigiTool as an IR (WVUScholar) until 2014
• Graduate students submit ETDs directly to Proquest
• WVU Libraries verified formatting requirements, batch loaded submission files to IR
Institutional Overview/History of ETDs

Digitool breakdown and interim ETD access

• Central IT mandated takedown of Digitool IR
• Retained metadata and files, but no public facing access
• Requests for ETDS fulfilled on a case by case basis
• Students continued submitting to ProQuest
Transition to IR-centered ETD program
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Planning for a new institutional repository

• DigitalCommons platform selected in late 2017
• March 2018
  • New scholarly communications librarian
  • IR implementation task force formed
Transition to IR-centered ETD program

Role of ETDs in the new repository

- ETDs a central part of the IR's seed collection
- But positioned as a part of the University's larger collection of research outputs
Transition to IR-centered ETD program

Streamlined submission process
• Submissions occur within WVU ecosystem
• No need to create new accounts
• Single point of submission for ETDs, problem reports, undergraduate theses
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Outreach opportunities

• Familiarize students with OA repositories
• Introduce faculty (committee members) to new repository
• Facilitate scholarly communications engagement with graduate students
Current ETD Submission Practices
Submissions

• Student submitted

https://researchrepository.wvu.edu

• ETD staff reviewed
• Notification
Submissions

- Documentation and assistance:
  - Website
    - https://etd.lib.wvu.edu
  - Videos
    - https://youtu.be/uqyWuQ2-NiY
  - Workshops
    - “Submitting your ETD to the Research Repository @ WVU”
Submissions

Steps for submitting your ETD

1. Go to https://researchrepository.wvu.edu/etd
2. Choose “Submit Research” (left panel, bottom).
3. Click “Log in with your WVU ID”

4. Please complete all sections online, paying attention to the sections with "REQUIRED"

SAMPLE submission form
To: WVU Graduate Students
From: Debby Borrelli, WVU Electronic Thesis and Dissertation Coordinator
Re: Requesting a 'Delayed Access' embargo for your thesis, dissertation, or problem report

From the West Virginia University Electronic Thesis and Dissertation Program Policy:

The student, with the written approval of his/her advisor, may select "Delayed Access" distribution for the ETD. The status of "Delayed Access" should be used only rarely, primarily to secure the work, even disallowing access to the WVU community. This procedure addresses situations such as when a patent application is planned or when proprietary interests are at stake. In certain cases, WVU may have rights related to intellectual property, and so does not want to release the work without its permission. The graduate student will be asked to provide the reason this option has been selected. A student may not select embargoed status in lieu of obtaining appropriate copyright permissions as theses and dissertations are intended to be public record documents.

Student name (printed): Matthew Artimez
ETD title (printed): New Method of Manufacturing Carbon Foams
Length of embargo requested: ___X_ 1 year
If longer embargo is requested, please contact the ETD office when the embargo period has expired.
Post-embargo status:
   Open Access
   Campus Access
Reason for embargo request:
   [Signature]
Faculty advisor/committee chair:
   Printed Name: Alfred Stiller
   [Signature]
Positives

• Shows access statistics
• Introduces graduate students to the IR
• Introduces faculty committee members to the IR
Challenges

• Software issues and user error
• Inconsistent metadata
• Submission deadlines
• Faculty member mis-direction
Looking Ahead
Increased Outreach

Engagement throughout research cycle
• Reach graduate students earlier
• Data sharing and data management
• Digital scholarship support
• Encourage students to deposit other research
Increased Outreach

Scholarly reputation management
• ORCID registration
• Google Scholar Citations
• ResearchGate, Academia.edu
• LinkedIn
DOI - Digital Object Identifiers

• DOI is an acronym for "digital object identifier", meaning a "digital identifier of an object".

• A DOI name is an identifier (not a location) of an entity on digital networks. It provides a system for persistent and actionable identification and interoperable exchange of managed information on digital networks.

• A DOI name can be assigned to any entity — physical, digital or abstract — primarily for sharing with an interested user community or managing as intellectual property.

• The DOI system is designed for interoperability; that is to use, or work with, existing identifier and metadata schemes.

• DOI names may also be expressed as URLs (URIs).
Thank You!

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