

University of Edinburgh Research Publications Policy

Introduction

The mission of the University is “the creation, dissemination and curation of knowledge”¹ This paper presents an Open Access Publications Policy which requires University of Edinburgh researchers to deposit their research outputs in the Publications Repository, and where appropriate in the Open Access Edinburgh Research Explorer, and to use a standard address convention for the University of Edinburgh.

The primary role of the researcher is to carry out research and to create knowledge through their research outputs such as articles, papers, reports, conference proceedings and books. The University’s role is to provide the facilities in which research may be carried out and to curate and disseminate these research outputs, maximizing their visibility for access and use by others in the institution and worldwide.

This policy will be implemented from January 2010, and in the meantime, researchers are encouraged to deposit outputs. The policy has two elements: the deposit of research; and an address convention.

Publications Repository and Edinburgh Research Archive

The Research Information System (PURE)² is a closed repository for use only within the University of Edinburgh and is an internal University tool for research output management; while Edinburgh Research Explorer (ERE)³ is a public open access repository, making content available through global searching mechanisms such as Google.

This policy requires each researcher to provide the peer reviewed final accepted version of a research output to deposit. The policy encourages the deposit of an electronic copy of non-peer reviewed research, particularly where this may be used for national assessments. Researchers (or their proxies, e.g. research administrators) will deposit these research outputs in PURE; and at the same time provide information about whether the research output can be made publicly available in ERE. It will then be automatically passed into ERE, where this is allowable, with no further input from the researcher or their agent.

Address convention

This policy requires all University of Edinburgh publications to be easily identified and retrieved as being from the University of Edinburgh in order to ensure full credit is given in bibliometric searches carried out for the any future government requirements for the assessment of research, league tables or other purposes. It is therefore proposed that all researchers should use an address in the form below when submitting an item for publication. If publishers place constraints on the amount of space given for addresses, the phrase “The University of Edinburgh” must be used.

¹ University of Edinburgh Strategic Plan 2008-20-12

² <http://www.pure.ed.ac.uk>

³ <http://www.research.ed.ac.uk/>