
Institutional Open Access Policy

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In May 2018, the Universitat Internacional de Catalunya, in a desire to participate in the open access movement, and in accordance with current recommendations supporting open access (OA) to scientific information, signed the Berlin Declaration. Also in May, the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors agreed to the implementation of an institutional repository for depositing research generated by teaching and research staff (PDI) at the University.

The University recommends that all research and academic work carried out by the university community be deposited in this institutional repository. These recommendations are laid out in an institutional policy, which promotes the dissemination, accessibility, visibility and impact of publications by the University's teaching and research staff (PDI).

1. All teaching and research staff at UIC Barcelona are to deposit publications resulting from their research activity (scientific articles, books or parts of books, congress presentations, etc.) in the institutional repository.
2. Any conditions stipulated by the publishers will be taken into account, as will copyright and intellectual property rights.
3. Documents published by the University's teaching and research staff are to be deposited within 6 months from the date of publication.
4. In the case of articles published in scientific journals, the version of the article permitted by the publisher should be deposited. If the publisher establishes an embargo period, open access to the content of the article in the repository will be available once this period has finished.
5. Any doctoral theses completed at the University will be deposited in both the TDX repository and the UIC Barcelona institutional repository, in accordance with current regulations.
6. All Final Bachelor's Degree Projects and Final Master's Degree Projects will be deposited in the institutional repository, if and when agreed by the author, and in accordance with each Faculty's standards of quality. If the work has been done by a company or another institution, the depositing entity must authorise publication.
7. Access to any patents developed by the University's teaching and research staff (PDI) must be made open within 18 months from the date of registration.

As regards the above, the Universitat Internacional de Catalunya undertakes to:

- Define procedures for depositing the different documents in the institutional repository.
- Safeguard the copyright and intellectual property rights of the content deposited in the institutional repository.
- Ensure the integrity of the metadata provided by the authors.
- Preserve and maintain perpetual access to the documents deposited in the institutional repository.
- Adhere to all current protocols and standards for metadata exchange that increase the interoperability and visibility of the content, as well as any that may appear in the future.
- To ensure interaction between the DRAC, researchers and institutional repository.
- To provide guidance and technical support and facilitate the depositing of documents for the entire university community through the Library Service.