

CALIFORNIA DIGITAL LIBRARY
Post-Prints Repository Overview

Re: eScholarship Post-Prints Repository

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A distinct opportunity exists now for the University of California as publishers begin to ease restrictions on post-publication dissemination--a direct response to faculty unrest over the runaway costs of commercial publishing and their expressed concern with the threat to scholarship. The UC community is responding on many fronts to the crisis in scholarly publishing, including support for practical publishing alternatives. The eScholarship *PostPrints Repository* will now provide UC authors an alternative for rapid and broad dissemination of their previously published scholarly output, and to simultaneously enable them to exercise their expanding rights due to this recent liberalization of publisher policies.

A section of the eScholarship Repository has been designated specifically for deposit of previously published articles. These articles will be searchable and browseable alone or in association with other eScholarship Repository papers, journals and monographs, and they will be fully discoverable alongside their commercially published twins. The eScholarship Repository, which is open access, has seen nearly 750,000 full paper downloads to date.

Implementation

The Post-print Repository (PPR) will be rolled out and populated in stages, proceeding in accordance with author permissions and verified existing rights or rights explicitly granted by publishers for UC authors. The PPR will be populated initially by submission of post-prints by currently registered eScholarship Repository authors and by select UC faculty. In concert with the public release in January, population of the PostPrint Repository will be greatly streamlined. Citations to recently published articles by UC authors will be automatically harvested and emailed directly to them. A PostPrint can be submitted by return mail, which will include a "click-through" agreement and attachment of the PostPrint, and the author rights will be checked upon receipt.

Outreach and promotion will be conducted through normal channels, including a press release to the UC community, notification to current repository participants, and adaptable messages for library scholarly communication officers. In addition, administrative and faculty senate committees are receiving overviews of eScholarship services. The eScholarship program welcomes suggestions for additional methods to inform UC faculty about this service and further promote its use.