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About the Open Research team

Enabling researchers

We are the expert team in the University Library focused on helping researchers with Open Access publishing, bibliometrics, researcher identities, research data management, open research practices and Digital Humanities. Our services are for researchers at all stages of the research lifecycle, from design to publication and archiving. Researchers meet us through one-to-one consultations, bespoke sessions at school and research division meetings and through in-person and online training.

We manage the publications repository, CentAUR, the Research Data Archive, REDCap, the University's funds for Open Access publishing and the Digital Humanities Hub. We support the University's research policies, planning and infrastructure and we enable researchers to meet the policy requirements of the Government, funders, and REF.

Our vision

We believe in the greater power of knowledge to create a fair and sustainable world, and that knowledge is most valuable when it is evidence-based, accessible, and communicated in ways that facilitate effective use.

Our mission

We empower all members of the University's research community to: make their research outputs as discoverable, accessible and re-usable worldwide as possible; adopt open and transparent research practices; and to engage critically with digital technologies. The core principles of the University Strategy and the University Research and Innovation Strategy are enabled by our mission. We:

- provide **excellent** standards of service, working with our research community to enable researchers and the University to achieve their research goals
- build **sustainable** services for our research community through strategic planning within the Library, the Research & Innovation Directorate and with University research committees
- **engage** with members of our research community to develop the University's research culture
- collaborate with external professional **communities** to share and develop best practices for supporting researchers in an evolving research environment

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