

USING IRUS-UK DATA TO SUPPORT BENCHMARKING

Case study from the Open University

Background

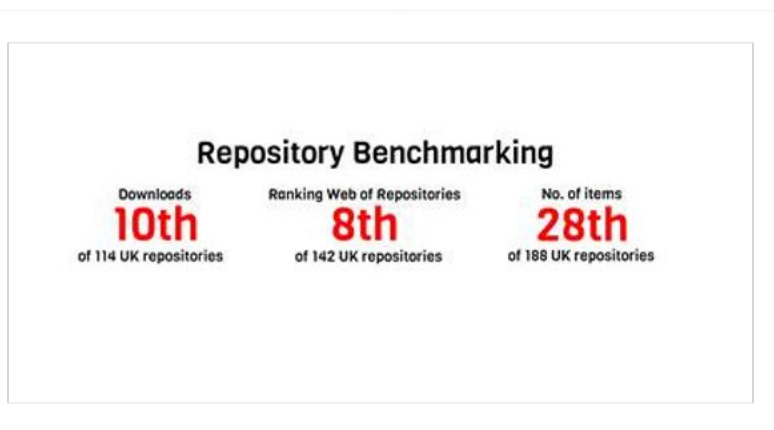
At the Open University IRUS-UK data are used to show the benefit of the repository Open Research Online (ORO) to the institution. This includes providing benchmarking data through quarterly reports.

How do you use IRUS-UK?

One example uses the RR1 report including monthly number of downloads for a selection of institutions, which highlights where the Open University ranks overall. This is displayed alongside data on the relative size of repository measured by number of records in OpenDOAR. A quarterly infographic, which includes this benchmarking data is produced allowing key points to be presented quickly and effectively.

Outcome

The quarterly reports and additional information and analysis is shared through the Open University Library's Open research blog - The Orb. The data has been of value to a range of stakeholders including Associate Deans of Research, departmental managers and academics. The data illustrate the value of the repository, e.g. demonstrating that for its relative size, the Open University repository has a relatively high proportion of Open Access content for its users.



Next steps

The Open University continues to produce quarterly reports, which include benchmarking elements. Whilst the report format is agreed, the Open University views it as an iterative, evolving process so will consider amendments or additions to the format if future needs change.

Related links

ORO Annual Report: http://www.open.ac.uk/blogs/the_orb/?p=1486

Open Research Online (ORO): <http://oro.open.ac.uk/>

Open research blog: http://www.open.ac.uk/blogs/the_orb/

OpenDOAR: <http://opendoar.org.index.html>

IRUS-UK reports used

Repository Report 1 (RR1)	For downloads of comparator institutions
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