



Repository Skill Set Survey 2017

CAUL Research Repositories Community Event
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+ 2011 survey



Australian and New Zealand institutional repository community



Results shared



- Simons, N. & Richardson, J., (2012). New Roles, New Responsibilities: Examining Training Needs of Repository Staff. *Journal of Librarianship and Scholarly Communication* 1(2), p.eP1051. DOI: <http://doi.org/10.7710/2162-3309.1051>
- Identifying skill sets for repository staff. Presentation at 2012 CAUL repository community event:
[http://www.caul.edu.au/caul-programs/cairss/cairss-website-archive/cairss-events/cairss-community-day2012#CAIRSS Community Day](http://www.caul.edu.au/caul-programs/cairss/cairss-website-archive/cairss-events/cairss-community-day2012#CAIRSS%20Community%20Day)



Most challenging aspects of repository work





Results: trends in skills and knowledge



Most challenging aspects of repository work

"Our repository is extremely understaffed, which means were [sic] simply trying to keep up instead of trying to maximise the repositorys [sic] potential."

"Two things: 1. Time management, getting it all done when I am the only dedicated repository staff member. 2. Finding the time to train, support and prepare work for the staff I am obliged to borrow from other sections of the library..."

+ Implications for practice

- Working on a digital repository requires a specific set of job skills and knowledge that is largely acquired through informal training rather than through formal training courses or academic curriculum.
- As an emerging and evolving profession, repository staff would benefit from tailored training at the commencement of a position in addition to ongoing training and skills development.
- The specific set of job skills and knowledge sets required to work on a digital repository has implications for staff recruitment, development, training, and retention strategies.



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Repository Manager Certification Course Coming Up in March 2014

In Natasha Simons and Joanna Richardson's article, "[New Roles, New Responsibilities: Examining Training Needs of Repository Staff](#)" in the *Journal of Librarianship and Scholarly Communication*, the librarians surveyed all expressed a strong desire for greater training, staff developmental skills, and resources to turn to in their increasingly digital-oriented roles. Digital repositories are evolving into an integral part of a library's output, and librarians across the globe see an opportunity to expand their reach within their institution. But librarians' and repository managers' ability to disseminate their institution's research is only as great as the knowledge and tools they possess.

In support of providing better training opportunities for Digital Commons repository administrators and facilitating the sharing of resources, bepress Digital Commons is happy to announce our second [Repository Manager Certification Course](#). This intensive, three-day course will be held in our downtown Berkeley office from March 25-27th, 2014. Participants will learn about the many components of establishing, promoting, and sustaining a healthy digital repository. Activities will include:

- Hands-on workshops focused on identifying and recruiting scholarly work.
- Direct, one-on-one instruction with Consulting Services Representatives on using the Digital Commons platform to organize and showcase collections.
- In-depth seminars on copyright, permissions, and authors' rights.
- Interactive discussions on best practices for outreach and promotion of the IR's services.
- Planning sessions for setting goals, developing action plans, and demonstrating the value of the IR to stakeholders.

+ 2017 survey - November



- Anyone working on an institutional repository (irrespective of content type) in Australia or New Zealand is welcome (encouraged! Begged!) to participate
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