

Title: Developing an Institutional Repository

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Short Abstract (optional): This case study provides a brief overview of the implementation of an Institutional repository at Innopharma Education in 2022.

In April 2022, as part of an increased focus on research, it was decided to implement an Institutional repository to provide a natural home for research (e.g., dissertations, posters, articles) from both Innopharma learners and staff.

Innopharma Education has two streams of master's students, those studying on Innopharma/ Griffith College collaborative programmes and those studying on Innopharma / Technological University Dublin collaborative programmes. As a result, dissertations from Innopharma students were spread across multiple locations, in both the Griffith College Institutional repository and the Technological University Dublin repository. As well as being inconvenient for students this also meant Innopharma staff had limited visibility of these publications. Having our own repository would overcome this issue.

Firstly, we needed to choose software for the repository. From our initial research, the choice came down to two options – DSpace or EPrints. DSpace was ultimately chosen; reasons included the fact that it was open source (as opposed to the proprietary EPrints) and the much lower cost despite similar functionality. Atmire, a Belgian based company, provided a complete package including implementation, support, hosting and upgrades for a competitive price and this was the route chosen.

After choosing DSpace and liaising with them periodically as to our needs, it took roughly 3 months before the repository went live, in August 2022. This time was used to develop policies and procedures related to the repository; decisions around these were made by the Innopharma Research Group in consultation with other stakeholders including academic staff. These policies and procedures included inclusion criteria, an End User Agreement, a privacy policy and a takedown policy.

As of today, there are over 50 dissertations published on the repository at <https://repository.innoskills.com/home> in addition to other content such as peer-reviewed articles and conference posters. The repository will continue to grow with the institution and its ease of use means it can be managed day-to-day by Innopharma's librarian.

The implementation of the institutional repository has had many benefits including collating research output from Innopharma's multiple strands, giving our learners and staff an opportunity to have their research published online and raising the profile of Innopharma as a whole.

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