The Case for Institutional Repositories: A SPARC Position Paper

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ABSTRACT

Institutional repositories—**digital collections that capture and preserve the intellectual output of university communities**—respond to two strategic issues facing academic institutions: 1) they provide a central component in reforming scholarly communication by stimulating innovation in a disaggregated publishing structure; and 2) they serve as tangible indicators of an institution's quality, thus increasing its visibility, prestige, and public value...

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