Institutional Repository User Guide

Please contact the Open Access Team (Mary Burslem and Michael Stringer) if you have any queries regarding depositing your items:

openaccess@londonmet.ac.uk

London Metropolitan University's Institutional Repository can be found at the following link:

http://repository.londonmet.ac.uk/

The Home Page

Step 1

To deposit items you should log in here with your University user name and password

Step 2

If you do not have a DOI, leave it as BibTeX and click New Item which will take you to step 4.

If you have a DOI, click on this arrow and choose option ‘DOI (via CrossRef)’, then click Import.

Step 3
Step 4

Enter your DOI here and click Import Items.

If you have entered a DOI, the title of your item will appear here.

You need to choose which type of item you are depositing here. Then click Next.
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What if my work contains images, tables etc.?
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- Film clips

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Terminology

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Also known as the author’s accepted manuscript (AAM). Peer-reviewed version of the paper, containing final content, but without publisher logos, fonts or typesetting. May be a Word document, but a PDF would be preferred.

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**Step 5**

Either upload a file - then click Next ...  

... or enter the URL where your item can be found online - then click Next.
This is the storage format of your item. It will default to Text but can be changed to the required format.

Please indicate the required security level of this document. It will default to Anyone but can be changed.

Please enter the date that a publisher or sponsor-imposed embargo expires. On or after this date this document will be made publicly accessible.

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If you have entered a DOI a number of fields on this screen will have self-populated. Please ensure you populate all fields as necessary, including an abstract.

**Step 6**

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You are advised to add an abstract which will enhance Internet searches.

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Starred fields are compulsory.
Step 7

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Click here to deposit your item.

Step 9

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