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The library's extensive collaboration with the UOW Research and Innovation Division is making possible a 'one-stop shop' for the collection of publications used for both the university's HERDC (research data collection for DEEWR) and ERA (Excellence in Research Australia) processes, as well as for deposit within Research Online, the UOW institutional repository.

Changes to UOW's Research Information system (RIS) will allow academics to enter metadata describing their publication and also attach relevant files. The files could include a copy of the published version of an article, an open access manuscript version for the repository, and electronic files containing evidence such as proof of peer review. The benefit will be the capacity to store publication information electronically and remove the large paper burden that presently exists.

Research outputs tagged for the repository will be transferred via an XML link, enabling library staff to upload verified metadata and associated full text files. This development will provide a fillip in adding to the over 4800 full text items already archived in the UOW Research Online repository. UOW's institutional repository was established in 2006 with usage now approaching a million downloads. The range of items archived in the repository has since expanded to include research theses, university-published journals, and electronic books.

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