

The University of Malta's Institutional Repository

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OAR@UM
Open Access Repository



The Open Science Department at the University of Malta

- In September 2014, the University of Malta Library established the first Institutional Repository on the Island.
- The Open Science Department was set up in January 2017 to administer, maintain and populate the repository.
- The remit of the Open Science Department at the University of Malta is to support the effective dissemination of research and data produced under the auspices of the University of Malta, promote Open Science and populate the University's Institutional Repository – OAR@UM.



The Open Science Department at the University of Malta

- Populate the OAR@UM by uploading publications on behalf of Researchers (through mediated deposit).
- Provide support through the organisation of events, awareness-raising activities, and provide instructions and training on OA issues.
- To provide support and advice on copyright clearance, embargo periods, and any other issues pertaining to OA publishing.
- Scanning publications available only in print format for the purpose of deposit.
- Be a reference point for researchers who want to publish in Open Access.



What is OAR@UM?



- OAR@UM serves as a platform to collect, preserve and disseminate the intellectual output of the UM in digital format.
- OAR@UM is managed by the Library and includes:
 - articles, books and book chapters, audio visual content, out of copyright material and other scholarly content most of which are available in OA.
 - electronic theses and dissertations (ETDs).
 - national intellectual output important to Malta's cultural heritage and identity.

University of Malta Open Access Policy

- Legally binding document that serves to ensure that all research output produced under the auspices of the University is made freely available to everyone via the Institutional Repository OAR@UM.
- ‘Researchers are encouraged to deposit all research produced under the auspices of the UM in OAR@UM’ (UM OA Policy § 3.1)
- Presented the Policy to Senate for approval during September 2017



Open Access Repository at University of Malta

- To date some 33,000 items have been deposited in our repository.
- These make up a substantial part of the University of Malta's research output.
- All the items uploaded on OAR have their own metadata (which is created by our librarians) and it is available to everyone.
- The main aim is to have the University's output in a centralized location where it can be easily viewed, accessed and preserved.
- A platform where research is made easily accessible and researchers can benefit from increased visibility of their publications and sharing of their research or data.
- It is not a digitisation project or an archive, however, exceptions are made.



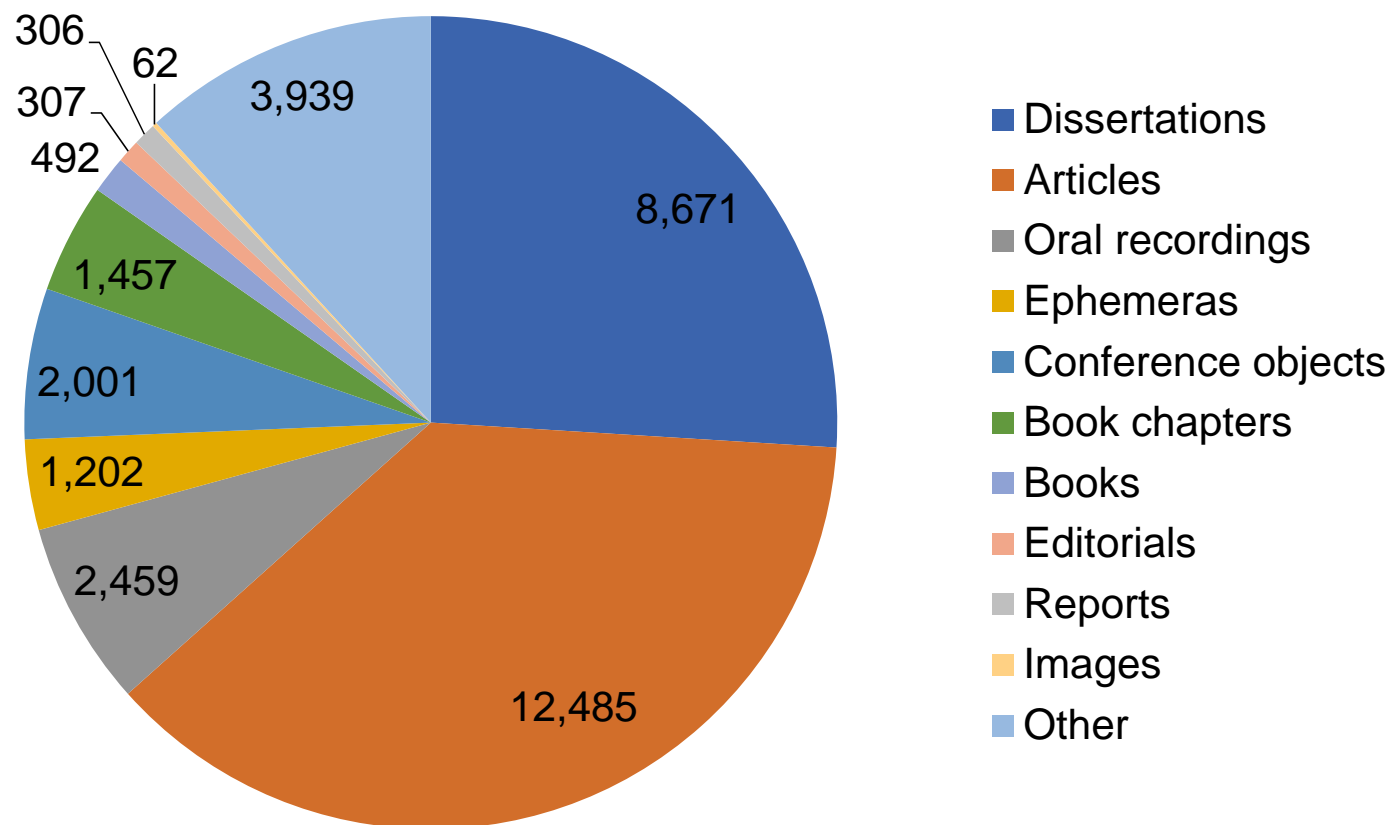
OAR@UM Access Types

- All items uploaded are divided into 2 main categories by Access:
 - Open Access: The item is available to be viewed by everyone.
 - Restricted Access: The item is only available to students and staff with a UM IT account.
- Items can be embargoed to comply with publisher requests.
- The University of Malta aims to have all its research on the Institutional Repository.



Content archived in OAR@UM

As of February 2019 a total of 33,381 items have been uploaded:



Useful Links:

OAR@UM:

<https://www.um.edu.mt/library/oar/>

OAR@UM Contact:

<http://www.um.edu.mt/contact/oarlib>

OAR@UM Help:

https://www.um.edu.mt/library/helpandsupport/oar@uom_help

Open Access FAQs:

<https://www.um.edu.mt/library/departments/openscience/openaccessfaqs>

UM Open Access Policy:

<https://www.um.edu.mt/library/oar//handle/123456789/20022>





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Thank you for your attention.

If you have any questions, now is the right time to ask!
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