Texas Woman's University

Library Policy Manual

Policy Name: Repository@TWU Collection Development Policy

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Purpose: To describe the framework for the acquisition, curation, and management of materials in TWU's institutional repository, the Repository@TWU.

Note: Access, availability, usage, and occupancy limits may be changed in accordance with University guidelines regarding health and safety.

Definitions:

Repository@TWU - Repository@TWU is a service managed in the TWU Libraries to preserve and share the scholarly and creative assets of TWU via the internet. The Repository@TWU platform (DSpace) is supported through a membership with the Texas Digital Library.

Policy:

1. Contributors to Repository

Contributors may include:

TWU faculty and staff

TWU graduate students

TWU undergraduate students

Depositing:

- Work that has been accepted elsewhere through a peer review process (such as a conference poster or paper)
- Theses
- Research or creative projects guided by a TWU faculty member
- Alumni submitting scholarly work under the guidance of a TWU faculty member or Repository Administrator (940-898-3769 or 940-898-3747).

2. Criteria for Inclusion

Deposited content can be scholarly, creative, research-related or teaching resources. Repository@TWU collections and items should:

- Align with the TWU community's research or teaching areas
- Exist nowhere else as digital content that is easily accessible and/or of comparable quality
- Be in the public domain, or have documented permission granted by the copyright holder, or be allowed by Section 108 (17 U.S.C. § 108)
- Be intended for public viewing and use
- Be complete such as an entire publication, article, etc., and not a "part" such as an abstract, forward, or title page
- Be intended for permanent storage in the collections of the Repository@TWU

3. Supported Content Types

The following content types are among those that will be accepted:

- Electronic theses, dissertations, and graduate capstone projects, completed by TWU graduate students in fulfillment of degree requirements
- Professional Papers
- Previously published, peer-reviewed, or juried works—e.g., books, journal articles, music scores, poetry, fiction and creative non-fiction, art, music recordings, and dance with permission of rights-holder(s)
- Prepublication pre-/post-prints with permission of rights-holder(s)
- Open Educational Resources
- Grey literature (e.g., technical reports, white papers, research posters, or symposia proceedings) and other unpublished scholarly works
- Creative work- with permission of rights-holder(s)
- Learning objects, including instructional materials and primary sources organized for teaching purposes
- Campus-based publications
- Course-based publications
- Audio and video recordings

This is a non-exhaustive list. Contributors are welcome to deposit content that can be characterized as "scholarly, creative, research-related, or teaching resources" and should contact the Repository Administrator with any questions about materials.

4. Access to Deposited Content

All deposited content will be made available to the public via the internet, except when forbidden by contract, author rights, or when embargoed for a limited time. Items held in the Repository@TWU are indexed by all major search engines, including Google and Google Scholar.

5. File formats

The Repository Administrator, in collaboration with the Texas Digital Library, will work to recognize and support as many file formats as possible.

6. Withdrawal

All deposits are considered permanent. Content may be removed in consideration of publication agreements or exceptional circumstances.

References

- University of Chicago Knowledge@UChicago Collection Development Policy: https://www.lib.uchicago.edu/research/scholar/digitalscholarship/institutional-repository-policies/
- University of Houston Libraries Digital Collection Development Policy: https://libraries.uh.edu/wp-content/uploads/DigitalCollectionDevelopmentPolicy.pdf
- University of North Texas Digital Libraries Collection Development Policy: https://library.unt.edu/policies/collection-development-digital-collections/

