



## Full speed ahead for UKRR as membership doubles

The UK Research Reserve (UKRR - [www.ukrr.ac.uk](http://www.ukrr.ac.uk)) is pleased to welcome 14 new Higher Education Institutions as members, taking its final membership to 29. The full UKRR membership, which includes libraries from right across the country, is:

- Aberystwyth University
- Cambridge University Library
- Imperial College London
- Kings College London
- London School of Economics
- Northumbria University
- The Open University
- Oxford University Library Services
- Queen Mary, University of London
- Royal Holloway, University of London
- University of Aberdeen
- University of Birmingham
- University of Cardiff
- University College London
- University of Durham
- University of Edinburgh
- University of Glasgow
- University of Kingston
- University of Leeds
- University of Liverpool
- University of London Research Library Services
- University of Manchester
- University of Newcastle
- University of Nottingham
- University of Reading
- University of Sheffield
- University of Southampton
- University of St Andrews
- University of Sussex

The UKRR offers a secure solution to storing and preserving low use print research journals. This is achieved through an agreement with the British Library whereby the British Library houses the Research Reserve collection on behalf of the Higher Education (HE) sector and makes it accessible to researchers through their Document Supply Centre in Boston Spa. The programme is made possible through funding of £10 million from the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE).

Its key aims are to:

- protect research information infrastructure
- release 100km of shelf space in HE libraries allowing them to reuse the space in response to changing institutional priorities



Deborah Shorley, Head, UKRR said, *'We are thrilled that so many institutions have decided to sign up for UKRR. We are now up to full strength and look forward to playing a key role in preserving the UK'S research information infrastructure'*

Joanna Newman, Head of Higher Education, British Library said: *'We are encouraged that 14 new institutions have joined the UK Research Reserve which positively demonstrates the importance and value of the service to UK HE. The British Library is delighted to support UKRR along with our partners to ensure that together we safeguard research material for future access'*

Sir Alan Langlands, Chief Executive of the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) said: *'HEFCE welcomes the increased membership of this innovative initiative. The range of universities now committed to the UKRR demonstrates the understanding in the HE sector of the advantages of this kind of collaboration for research resources with the British Library.'*

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**Notes to editors:**

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