

Do you want a wider audience for your research?

Would you like your research colleagues to have access to your work?

Do you need to satisfy funders' requirements for open access to your research outputs?

Do you want your work to be secure in the digital domain?

You need **NECTAR**, the
Northampton Electronic Collection of Theses and Research

For further information please see the NECTAR website
<http://nectar.northampton.ac.uk/information.html>
Or email the NECTAR team:
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NECTAR

Visibility
Accessibility
Impact

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What is NECTAR?

NECTAR is an open access institutional repository, an electronic database of research material. Its purpose is to showcase and preserve the research outputs of university members.

What are the benefits to researchers?

As an **open access** repository, NECTAR offers a number of benefits to researchers:

- Your work will be **visible** and **accessible** to the widest possible audience, potentially increasing its citation count and **impact**. Scholars worldwide will be able to read your work without paying costly journal subscriptions. Opportunities for further dissemination and collaboration may arise.
- You are not restricted to the printed medium; NECTAR can store images and multimedia files, adding value to your research outputs.
- NECTAR content is given high quality and comprehensive metadata, enabling it to be indexed by general and specialist search engines.
- NECTAR content is permanently available. Each item has its own perpetual web address which you can share with colleagues and link to from your personal and departmental web pages. You may use NECTAR to generate personal publication lists and export NECTAR metadata to EndNote and other reference tools.
- In due course you will be able to use download counts and other statistics to find out how frequently your work is accessed.
- NECTAR content is stored securely and, where possible, will be migrated to ensure compatibility with future versions of software.
- NECTAR fulfils the 'open access' requirement of major funding bodies.

What is in NECTAR?

NECTAR contains items fulfilling these criteria:

- The item is a research output. (Regrettably, at the moment NECTAR is not accepting teaching and learning materials or datasets).
- One or more of the authors or creators of the work must be a member of the University of Northampton.
- The work must already have been made available in the public domain (i.e. published work, conference papers, performances and exhibitions are acceptable; internal presentations or working papers, pre-examination thesis chapters, and creative outputs that have not previously been performed or exhibited are not), or
- the item must be a University of Northampton research degree thesis (PhD or MPhil).

How can I put my work onto NECTAR?

You should contact either your School's NECTAR administrator* or the NECTAR team for help with this. We will need full bibliographic details, including an abstract and key words. Once we have these details we will create a NECTAR metadata record for your work and investigate the copyright position. We may need your help with this. If copyright permission is granted, we will ask you to sign an Author Licence and to send us an appropriate version of your work for us to upload to NECTAR.

***Note:** Most Schools have appointed a NECTAR administrator to ensure that all research outputs continue to be captured for the university's Annual Research Report. See the FAQs on the NECTAR website for further details.
(<http://nectar.northampton.ac.uk/information.html#how>)

Who is responsible for NECTAR?

The repository project has been led throughout by a Steering Group comprising members of both the research community and Information Services. There has been consultation with research leaders and liaison with key research committees (including the University Research Committee, the Readers and Professors Forum and the Research Degrees Committee). Mandatory electronic submission of final copy research degree theses and the decision to automatically generate the university's Annual Research Report from NECTAR content are outcomes of this consultation process.

What about copyright?

THE NECTAR team are aware that intellectual property rights are a major concern to authors. Wherever possible we will investigate the rights position for you, for example using the RoMEO database of publishers' copyright policies (<http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo.php>). We urge that you avoid signing away copyright whenever possible and that you retain both pre- and post- refereeing versions of your work. Many publishers permit pre-publication versions of work to be deposited.

Technical

NECTAR uses Eprints version 3.0 open source repository software, hosted on a dedicated server at The University of Northampton. Extensive changes have been made to the Eprints software to support NECTAR's crucial research reporting role.

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