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[What are the benefits of an Institutional Repository?](#)

- Provides persistent URLs
- Provides long-term preservation of materials.
- Contents are indexed in search engines such as Google and Google Scholar
- Exposes literature to a worldwide audience which may transfer to higher impact or citation rates for authors.
- Most repositories comply with the Open Archives Initiatives (OAI) standards. These standards used for digital content enhance the searchability and the visibility of materials

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