



Frequently Asked (& Answered!) Questions

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FIU Digital Commons



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What is the FIU Digital Commons?

The FIU Digital Commons is a digital repository for capturing, archiving and distributing the research, creative and scholarly output of the Florida International University community. In essence, it is a digital library for works created by the FIU community.

What Types of Resources Can Be Submitted?

Reports	Monographs
Working Papers	Pre-prints/post-prints
Conference papers	Conference proceedings
Refereed electronic journals	Theses/dissertations
Music performances	Works of art
Selected student scholarship	Datasets

Who Manages the FIU Digital Commons?

Each department or center will control its own collection within the FIU Digital Commons. The site as a whole is managed by the FIU Libraries' Digital Collections Center using software developed by the Berkeley Electronic Press and licensed from ProQuest Information Services. Digital preservation services are provided by the Florida Digital Archive maintained by the Florida Center for Library Automation.

Do I have to give up copyright control of materials submitted in the FIU Digital Commons?

Absolutely not! In order to 'publish' your materials in the FIU Digital Commons, you only need grant to the FIU Libraries the non-exclusive right to reproduce the work in the Digital Commons.

What are the benefits of submitting materials to the FIU Digital Commons?

- Stable and long-term access to your works
- Rapid discovery and indexing by Internet search engines, including Google and Google Scholar
- Digital preservation for at least 100 years
- Automatic reporting on usage, e.g., number of downloads
- Sophisticated software to manage publication and referee process (submission, peer review, editing, and publishing)
- Compliant with some agency and publisher's guidelines for deposit to an open archive repository

Who May Contribute to the FIU Digital Commons?

During FY05-06, the FIU Digital Commons is in the pilot phase, meaning it is available for limited submissions by pre-arrangement with the FIU Libraries and interested FIU departments or centers.

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