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Institutional Repositories Program

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What is an Institutional Repository?

An institutional repository is a set of services offered by a university to manage and make accessible scholarly digital materials created by the institution and its community members. (Clifford Lynch, 2003)

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- began in 2002
- informal
- sharing best practices
- demonstrate the interoperability of IRs

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Activities

- Listserv
- Annual survey
- Promotional activities
- PKP Harvester Version 2
- CARLCore Repositories Metadata Profile
- Review of Content Recruitment Strategies
- Creative Commons Canada

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## CARL Institutional Repositories Program

### Working repositories
- University of Alberta
- University of British Columbia
- University of Calgary
- Dalhousie University
- University of Guelph
- Université Laval
- University of Manitoba
- McMaster’s University
- Université de Montréal
- University of New Brunswick
- Université du Québec à Montréal
- Queens University
- Simon Fraser University
- University of Toronto
- University of Victoria
- University of Waterloo
- University of Windsor
- York University

### Pilot Projects
- University of Ottawa
- McGill University
- University of Western Ontario

### Planning Stages
- Carleton University
- Canada Institute for Science and Technical Information
- Concordia University
- University of Regina
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Major Barriers

- Low visibility
- Time involved
- Benefits not well understood
- Library resources

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Vision

Institutional repositories contain a rich and comprehensive record of content generated by researchers at institutions worldwide. This aggregated content is the foundation for a chain of value-added services that enable the use and re-use of materials in many contexts.

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Objectives

1. To articulate the importance of institutional repositories and the value of the CARL IR Program
2. To improve content recruitment at institutional repositories in Canada
3. To demonstrate the value of overlay services for Canadian institutional repositories

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Specific Projects

1. Institutional Repository Advocacy Toolkit
2. Single-disciplinary Pilot Project
3. CARLCore Metadata Profile: Phase Two
4. Usage Statistics

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Other CARL Open Access Activities

- Canadian Create Change Website
- SPARC Canadian Author Addendum
- OA Policy Briefs
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