Capturing from the start: Managing grey literature in a brand new university and enriching the institutional repository

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Why did we include grey literature from the start?

- University started in September 2009 and so grey literature is primarily born-digital and readily available to capture.
- University library collection is 90% digital and we embraced the digital culture.
- Decision to make submission, acceptance and archive of theses and dissertation fully digital.
- Implementation of repository helped Library to provide a platform to capture and showcase these outputs.

KAUST Research Repository Objectives:

- Persistent access to university intellectual assets, including grey literature (e.g., technical reports, conference papers, theses etc.) and research data, in order to preserve and share scientific knowledge created at KAUST.
- Showcase the intellectual output of KAUST research, help develop international research networks and collaborations, support graduate student and post-doc recruitment.
- Expand the impact of KAUST research, which contributes to increased awareness of and growing prestige for our new and ambitious university.

Next Steps

- Research data management plan
- Include files that supplement publications
- Special collections (biological image collections, GIS images, etc.)
- Conference proceedings