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# Repositories Start-Up and Enhancement Projects

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- About this strand
- Projects already funded
- Specifics of the three types of project
- Aspects to consider

### Aims:

- stimulate the population of repositories
- enhance interoperability
- embed repositories within institutional working practices such as research and learning
- support the establishment of repositories where this will be sustained in to the future

**To bring about a step change in the growth  
of the UK repositories network**

- institutional open access repositories of research outputs
- repositories of teaching and learning materials, integrated with content management and/or content delivery systems such as virtual learning environments
- subject-based or media-based repositories that address an identified need within or across institutions
- institutions may have blended repositories hosting a range of content types, and an institution may have requirements for more than one repository.
- collaborations with user communities, national data centres, research councils or academic centres, especially where national services are linked to institutional repositories

**JISC will seek to fund a coherent set of projects that helps to address a range of issues as well as fulfilling the aims of the programme**

Activities to include in your repository work:

- Planning
- Technical implementation
- Policy development
- Populating the repository with content and metadata

See list on Start-Up and Enhancement Strand pages on programme website

Out of Scope:

- Content creation
- Digitisation

## Institutional commitment and matched funding

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- JISC will only fund up to 50% of the total cost of the project
- Project proposals for both types of projects (a and b) must outline how the project fulfils an institutional need in terms of learning, research or administration and show their strategies for content population
- Important exception: the rapid innovation projects (c) do NOT require matched funding
- Projects will need to engage with the JISC programme from their start date until the end of the programme in March 2009

## Repositories in the wider environment

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- In the interest of interoperability, all projects will need to work within the framework of technical standards that are supported by the Information Environment and those that emerge through the programme
- All projects will be expected to share lessons and to participate in the evolving JISC funded network of digital repositories:
  - Repositories Support Project
  - Intute Repositories Search Project
  - Shared Infrastructure Services
  - Digital Preservation and Records Management

**All projects will be aided by the new Repositories Support Project and should not duplicate this support infrastructure**

### Start-Up Projects

- Institutions may wish to consider sharing technical expertise in order to achieve economies of scale. Where such arrangements can exist, each institutional bid should indicate this and illustrate the resulting savings
- Alternatively, consortiums wish to submit bids, and the funding limit for such consortium start-up projects is £60,000

### Enhancement Projects

- Consortia projects are welcome for enhancement project funding. The funding limit for consortium enhancement projects is £200,000.

**Value for money will be a significant evaluation criterion**

Chilternrep - Buckinghamshire Chilterns University College  
CIRCLE (Common Institutional Repositories for Collaborative Learning Environments) - Oxford Brookes University  
Implementing an Institutional Repository - Leeds Metropolitan University  
Institutional Repository - University of Bolton  
Institutional Repository - Nottingham Trent University  
Institutional Research Repository - University of Salford  
Jazzhub - Leeds College of Music  
KCL Committee Zone – Kings College London  
LIROLEM (Lincoln Repository of Learning Materials) - University of Lincoln  
PRE-R Research in Practice E-Repository - University of London  
SAFIR (Sound Archives Film Images Repository) - University of York  
Storage Space - University College Falmouth  
Welsh Repository Network - University of Aberystwyth

See [http://www.jisc.ac.uk/rep\\_pres.html](http://www.jisc.ac.uk/rep_pres.html) Start-Up and Enhancement Strand

## Projects funded from September 2006 Call Enhancement

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Extending and Embedding the university repository service - University of Worcester  
RE-space - Manchester Metropolitan University  
UHRA (University of Hertfordshire Research Archive - University of Hertfordshire

BID Bridging the Interoperability Divide - University of Oxford  
CURVE - Coventry University  
DISC-UK Datashare - Edina  
Embed - Cranfield University  
EMBRACE: EMBedding Repositories and Consortial Enhancement - UCL  
EThOSnet - Imperial College London  
IncReASe - University of Leeds  
KULTUR - University of Southampton  
OJIMS Overlay Journal Infrastructure for Meteorological Sciences - University of Leeds  
TETRA Repository Enhancement Project - University of Cambridge

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### Appendix F

II a) Repository Start–Up Projects

II b) Repository Enhancement Projects

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II c) Rapid Innovation Projects: Enhancing Repository Content

- These projects should be concerned with the establishment and population of repositories
- 6-12 projects
- Maximum funding of £30,000, or £60,000 for consortium projects
- Project duration: 18 months

Start-up projects might be:

- Open access institutional repositories to hold research and/or learning and teaching materials
- Managed access repositories, employing open standards, integrated with institutional systems
- Subject- or community- focused repositories for the sector, in collaboration with national organisations and/or learned societies

## II b) Repository Enhancement Projects

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- Enhancement projects should be concerned with embedding of repositories within institutional policies and learning, research and administration workflows. There may be specialist community requirements that need to further develop a supported distributed network of repositories for subject specific or media requirements
- 6 to 12 projects
- between £50,000 and £100,000, or between £50,000 and £200,000 for consortium projects
- Project duration: 18 months

## II b) Repository Enhancement Projects (Continued)

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- Enhancement projects are encouraged to undertake further technical and organisational repository solutions and practices
- Projects should wherever possible take a service orientated approach and contribute to enhanced interoperability and common repository service interfaces
- Proposals for Enhancement Projects must include a URL of the existing repository/repositories that they are building on. If this is not possible, proposals should include descriptions and screenshots of the existing repository or where possible a guest log in for evaluators

## II c) Rapid Innovation Projects: Enhancing Repository Content

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- These projects should integrate/create web services tools that enhance repository content: these tools might be web2.0 “mash-ups”, plug-ins to commonly used repository software, and/or innovative use of existing applications to enhance the presentation and usability of content held in open access repositories
- Up to 3 projects
- £20,000 each
- Project duration: 6 months
  
- NOT matched funding

## II c) Rapid Innovation Projects: Enhancing Repository Content (Continued)

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Bidders must:

- have development access to existing open access repositories
- have the staff already in place
- deliver a usable prototype within six months from the start date
- complement, not duplicate, existing projects in the repository enhancement, tools and innovations, and discovery to delivery strands that are funded under this Programme
- commit to dissemination and communication activities including demonstrations to other JISC projects and peers in UK Higher Education

- Avoid “build it and they’ll come” syndrome. How will you encourage and support deposit?
- Include evidence of existing services (URL etc) and/or reference any needs analysis work you have done
- How will you manage the IPR issues and risks in the content, metadata, software? Be specific
- What benefits will you create for the lead institution(s)?
- What benefits will you create for the community? And how will those outputs be shared?
- Think beyond the project. How will your effort be sustained beyond spring 2009?

**Annex F**  
**Briefing Paper**

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