Scholarly Communications

The scholarly information environment is undergoing significant change nationally and globally in areas such as Open Access, new forms of scholarly publishing, the use of social media for dissemination to new audiences, funder requirements around research publications and management of research data.

The University seeks to deliver world-class research across all of our disciplines. The Library has a central role in working with others to develop and provide the infrastructures and services that will help achieve this aim. Although progress has already been made increased emphasis is required and the new Scholarly Communications Division will provide this. The Division brings functions and teams together under a Division Head with a strategic remit to further develop the Library’s portfolio of institutional services.

A significant focus will be preparation for the post-2014 Research Excellence Framework, both in terms of maximising the reach of research outputs but also in the impact of individual scholars and the University more widely.

The Digital Services, Systems and Development team has a significant role, working with other agencies in the University, in advising on and providing the infrastructure and tools that will underpin the Library’s services.