

## NRL FAQ

### What is Northumbria Research Link (NRL)?

It is a digital collection of research output from Northumbria University's staff and students, which is freely accessible globally on the Internet.

### Can I add my work to NRL?

Yes, as long as it is research output, all kinds of material can be added, including articles, books, book chapters, theses, design objects, radio and television output, exhibition outputs, conference papers, reports, and datasets.

### Is there any advantage to adding my work to NRL?

Yes. By doing so, your work will be preserved in a secure archive, will be indexed, and made freely available to anyone, and will be found through using search engines, such as Google, or through specialised searching tools. Potentially you will reach a wider audience, your research will have more impact, and will be cited more frequently, leading to more recognition in your field.

### Can I submit my work if it has previously been published elsewhere?

Yes. We will check the copyright agreements attached to the journal in which your article may have already appeared.

### If I submit my work to NRL, can I still publish it elsewhere too?

Yes. Putting your work in NRL does not stop you publishing it elsewhere. You still have control of your work.

### If I leave the university, will my work be removed from NRL?

No, but this does not stop you adding it to another repository at your new institution.

## Can work produced with colleagues from other institutions be added to NRL?

Yes. Our licence agreement covers this.

## What copyright issues are there if I submit my work to NRL?

Most publishers will agree to open access deposit, with certain conditions attached. Our copyright officer will check these conditions for you. If the final published version is not allowed, then the final peer-reviewed pre-publication version very often is allowed.

## I would like to add my e-thesis to NRL

Please see separate guidelines and FAQs for e-theses, available on the NRL Graduate School Theses page.

## How do I submit my work to NRL?

From the Welcome Page of Northumbria Research Link, read the deposit guidelines, and the deposit licence, and then submit your work either through School “Guardians of Output” or by completing the deposit submission form, sending your paper as a Word or PDF document. The preferred version of your work is the final peer-reviewed draft before publication. Library staff will add the data to the NRL, check copyright permissions, and upload the work.

We will be pleased to help with any queries. Please email your question to us at: [lr.openrepository@northumbria.ac.uk](mailto:lr.openrepository@northumbria.ac.uk)