

What is QSpace?



Showcasing the work of Queen's schools, faculties, departments, research centres, labs and individuals, QSpace is a dynamic repository offering easy and timely online distribution and preservation of digital content produced by members of the Queen's community.

Providing secure, dependable access to an ever-growing corpus of research, teaching and learning materials, contributors can deposit audio, video, images, datasets or text in any electronic format.

QSpace builds on the practices of grass-roots information sharing and online publishing. Continuous indexing in Google and other major search engines, combined with full-text searching capability, offers the broadest possible online exposure for deposited scholarly output.



Establish a QSpace Community

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Why use QSpace?

Greater Visibility, Greater Access

Increased visibility and citation counts for published and unpublished research.



QSpace holdings are tagged and indexed for fast and effective search and retrieval through search engines such as Google and Google Scholar.

In depositing your scholarly output to QSpace, you can show your support for the principles of Open Access and free exchange of ideas by sharing your work with researchers and scholars who do not have access to costly subscription publications.

"I am delighted with the opportunities QSpace offers to distribute work. The system is really easy to use."

Elaine Power, PhD
Kinesiology and Health Studies

An increasing number of studies suggest that open access articles are more likely to be used and cited than articles behind subscription barriers.¹ QSpace also offers the ability to subscribe to alerts via e-mail or RSS feed when new items are added to a collection.

Copyright extension and timely distribution of research results.

Over 90% of scholarly publishers endorse some form of self-archiving (pre- or post-print). In-press material can sometimes be distributed before hard copy journals make it to the shelf. Publisher permissions can be quickly checked from within QSpace or by visiting www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo.php

Working papers, technical reports and conference papers can also be deposited, fulfilling public dissemination requirements set by some research funding agencies.

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¹ G. Eysenbach, "Citation Advantage of open access articles." *PLoS Biology* 4.5 (2006).

Organized access and long-term preservation of scholarly work.

The web is your best tool for recruiting graduate students. QSpace can facilitate access to your work by prospective graduate students and post-doctoral fellows. By depositing your files to QSpace, rather than uploading them to a personal website, you need never worry about data loss or broken links.

Easy information distribution and management.

QSpace is designed to make participation easy, eliminating many of the time-consuming chores entailed in maintaining a publications presence on the web. The Library works closely with contributors in establishing new QSpace communities, and provides assistance to users of the system.

QSpace users can create as many collections as they wish. Each collection can be established with different contributor, access and workflow options. Contributors may also elect to limit access to specific groups or individuals. You decide who can access your work.