For Contributors

Scholars Square addresses a problem that faculty members have been expressing to the library over the past few years: how to manage their digital materials. Scholars Square builds on the growing grassroots faculty practice of self-posting research online.

Some benefits of contributing content to Scholars Square are:

- Long-term preservation for a variety of digital formats including text, audio, video, images, datasets, and more
- A worldwide audience
- Quick distribution of research results
- Organized access to the body of a researcher’s work for students and others
- A long-term stable URL that can be used in a citation to link to items in Scholars Square

Possible Scholars Square Content

- Articles
- Pre-prints, Post-prints
- Technical Reports
- Working Papers
- Conference Papers
- Honors Theses
- Audio/Video/Images

For Participating Sub-Communities

Scholars Square is designed to make participation easy. Sub-Communities (such as academic departments, administrative offices, and student groups) can adapt the system to meet their individual needs and manage the submission process themselves.

Sub-Communities can create as many collections as they wish in Scholars Square. Each collection can be established with different contributor, access, and workflow options.

Scholars Square showcases the work of the Sub-Community to researchers worldwide. It is hoped that the interdisciplinary nature of the archive will attract a wider audience than a repository dedicated to one individual discipline.

The library provides guidance in establishing new Scholars Square Sub-Communities and assistance to faculty and other users of the system.

For the Institution

Scholars Square offers the opportunity to provide access to all Franklin & Marshall College research through one interface.

As an institutional repository that represents the college’s scholarship, Scholars Square showcases the international prominence of the faculty both individually and collectively. The ability to distribute research results quickly will emphasize the cutting-edge nature of the college’s student and faculty research.

The Scholars Square software is part of the DSpace Pilot Service sponsored by the National Institute for Technology and Liberal Education (NITLE), with support services provided by the Longsight Group.

For the User

Scholars Square enables easy remote access to the college’s research and scholarly materials from one location: the World Wide Web!

Learn more about Scholars Square:

http://library.fandm.edu/dspace
Scholars Square is a dynamic, web-based institutional repository featuring the intellectual output of the college. As students and faculty create research material and scholarly publications in increasingly complex digital formats, there is a need to:

- collect
- preserve
- index
- distribute

this ever-growing corpus of digital research.

The Scholars Square system will manage these materials in a professionally maintained archive giving them increased visibility and accessibility over time.