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Institutional Repositories (IRs) play an important role in fulfilling the missions of these institutions with regard to education, research, and social contribution.

Through cooperation and collaboration with academic institutions, the National Institute of Informatics (NII) is supporting construction of IRs and liaison among them as part of its Next-Generation Academic Information Infrastructure project.
Supporting creation of and cooperation among academic IRs to further reinforce the ability of universities to disseminate the fruits of their research and educational activities

The value of Institutional Repositories (IRs) is steadily increasing, due to their importance as mechanisms for the collection, organization, preservation, and dissemination of the academic information that represents the fruits of the research and educational programs of the universities.

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1. Content Provision
   - Digitization of academic journal articles and promotion of the open circulation
   - Confirmation of the copyright policies of academic societies as the repository IR
   - Support for dissemination of papers published in departmental bulletins and promotion of the dissemination of institutional journals

2. Systems Integration
   - Provision of the ‘JAIRO’ metadata format
   - Harvesting and collection of metadata from IRs using OAI-PMH
   - Development and provision of JAIRO, a catalogue support IR

3. Community Building
   - CII conference, training courses for libraries, workshops, and symposiums

Benefits of IRs

For researchers:
- Effective dissemination of research results, enhanced research impact, greater potential for citation

For universities:
- Fulfillment of responsibility for public disclosure, enhancement of the university brand, strengthening of the university’s voice internationally

For society:
- Rectification of the information gap, socialization of communities, discovery of the needs for industry-academic collaboration

For librarians:
- Contribution to scholarly communication, enhancement of library services

Three Support Programs of the NII IRP

NII Institutional Repositories Program

IRP

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JAIRO

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Support for IRs

Production of academic information

Creation of IRs