



Consortium of Uganda University Libraries (CUUL)

Call for Expression of Interest for the Installation and Establishment of Institutional Repositories (IRs) in Ugandan Universities

Background:

The Consortium of Uganda University Libraries (CUUL) is a collaborative network dedicated to supporting the research, teaching, and innovation ecosystem in Uganda. CUUL aims to foster knowledge sharing, capacity building, and resource optimization among its member institutions. As part of our commitment to enhancing the academic and research landscape in Uganda, CUUL has secured a grant from the Open Infrastructure Fund and EIFL to upgrade 10 existing Institutional Repositories (IRs) and establish new IRs in Ugandan universities.

Call for Applications:

CUUL invites libraries that are members of the Consortium to apply for the establishment or upgrade of Institutional Repositories. This initiative is designed to support the development and sustainability of IRs, thereby enhancing access to and preservation of academic research outputs.

Requirements:

To qualify for this opportunity, the applicant library must meet the following criteria:

1. Installation Server:

- The library must have a dedicated server for the installation and operation of the Institutional Repository.

2. Management Support Letter:

- A formal letter of support from the university management, endorsing the establishment and ongoing maintenance of the IR.

3. Dedicated Librarian and IT focal support:

- The library must have a dedicated librarian and IT personnel responsible for managing the Institutional Repository (IR) and ensuring its continuous operation.



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4. Research Work:

- The university should have an active research output that will be archived in the IR.

Application Process:

Interested libraries should submit their applications, including the following documents, to cuulprojects@gmail.com and copy to dbbankens@gmail.com

1. A brief proposal (maximum 2 pages) outlining the need for an IR, expected benefits, and how the IR will be managed and maintained.
2. Evidence of the availability of an installation server.
3. A letter of support from the university management.
4. Details of the dedicated librarian, including qualifications and experience.
5. Information on the university's research output and how it will be integrated into the IR.

Deadline for Applications:

Please submit your application by **20th August 2024**. Late submissions will not be considered.

Selection Process:

Applications will be reviewed by a panel of experts, and successful applicants will be notified by **6th September 2024**. The selected libraries will receive technical support, training and continuous guidance for the updates and management of their IRs.

Contact Information:

For any queries or further information, please contact us at dbbankens@gmail.com / info@cuul.or.ug

We look forward to receiving your applications and working together to enhance the research, teaching, and innovation landscape in Uganda.