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Summary :
Since setting up BURA, the University's institutional repository, in 2006, Brunel University has been encouraging its' academic staff to explore OA publishing routes. An e-Theses mandate was introduced in 2008 followed by an institutional OA mandate, accompanied by the establishment of an Open Access Publishing Fund, in 2009. In 2010 BURA was linked to the University's publications database (BRAD) making it easier for academic staff to comply with the institutional OA mandate.
In 2011, Brunel, in association with St George's, University of London, Symplectic Ltd and Richard Jones, was awarded JISC-funding for the BRUCE project (Brunel Research Under a CERIF Environment). The project runs from February to July 2011 and aims to develop a prototype tool, based on CERIF, that will facilitate the analysis and reporting of research information from existing data sources including both BURA and BRAD. The new tool, which will be released on an open-source basis, will enable universities to view information on their OA output in the context of the wider institutional research activity, both internally and externally via the use of BRUCE as a benchmarking tool.

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