

Making the most of NECTAR

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What is NECTAR?

Northampton Electronic Collection of Theses and Research

An **Open Access repository** of research output created by postgraduate students and research-active staff at Northampton.

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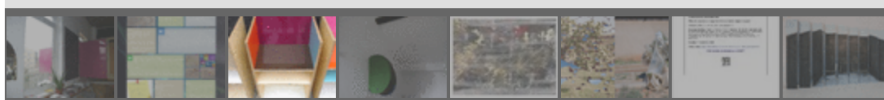
Help with NECTAR

Welcome to NECTAR

Showcasing quality research at The University of Northampton



Bamber, R. (2011) [Sculptural furniture pieces](#). Exhibit at: Clerkenwell Design Week. London, 24-26 May 2011.



If you are a member of academic staff or a research student at the University of Northampton and wish to deposit your work in NECTAR please see our [instructions for researchers](#).

NECTAR supports [OAI 2.0](#) with a base URL of <http://nectar.northampton.ac.uk/cgi/oai2>

 Search NECTAR

Latest additions

- Mina, M. A., Blazeovich, A. J., Giakas, G. and Kay, A. D. (2014) [Influence of variable resistance loading on subsequent free weight maximal back squat performance](#). *Journal of Strength and Conditioning Research*. **28**(10), pp. 2988-2995. 1064-8011.

- Blazeovich, A. J., Cannavan, D., Waugh, C., Miller, S., Thorlund, S., Aagaard, P. and Kay, A. D. (2014) [Range of motion, neuromechanical, and architectural adaptations to plantar flexor stretch training in humans](#). *Journal of Applied Physiology*. **117**(5), pp. 452-462. 8750-7587.

- Beeson, P. (2014) [Posterior tibial tendinopathy: What are the risk factors?](#) *Journal of the American Podiatric Medical Association*. **104**(5), pp. 455-467.

NECTAR provides:

- Rich metadata
 - including links to published versions
- Full texts
 - *and images, videos, audio files...*
- School and author collections
- Integration with external services
 - e.g. Google Scholar, EThOS



"Unrestricted online access to peer-reviewed scholarly research"
(Wikipedia)

Open Access and NECTAR

- NECTAR provides a route for green Open Access
- NECTAR is free for all to use
- Metadata can be reused
- Full-text files are free to download
- Creative Commons licences are available

Why NECTAR?

- Deposit in NECTAR can satisfy OA funder mandates
 - An important factor in the **post-2014 REF**
- Visibility: no restrictions or paywalls
- Added value: professional metadata, author tools
- Permanence & propagation

A brief history of NECTAR



with Miggie Pickton

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Drivers

- Open access movement
- Government policy / public funding
- Research Assessment Exercise (RAE2008)
- University showcase
- Research reporting

People

- Research administration (RSBO)
- Researchers
- Library
- Joint Information Systems Committee (JISC)
- Eprints Services
- School NECTAR administrators

Timeline 2007-2008

- 29 January 2007 – initial project meeting
- April 2007 – NECTAR Steering Group convened
- Spring 2007 – define and agree underlying principles
- Summer 2007 – specify, review and select software
- September 2007 – JISC funded NECTAR project starts
- Autumn 2007 – implement **Eprints** software
- Winter 2007/8 – **RAE2008** records imported
- January 2008 – Research Degrees Committee approve e-submission of theses and deposit in NECTAR
- Spring 2008 – NECTAR goes 'live'
- June 2008 – NECTAR launch party

Timeline 2009-

- February 2009 – first Annual Research Report produced from NECTAR
- April 2009 – JISC funded **KeepIt** project starts
- June 2009 – implement Google analytics
- Summer 2010 - implement Eprints preservation plug-in
- February 2011 – JISC funded **Bringing a buzz to NECTAR** project starts
- Summer 2011 – rebrand interface and implement **Kultur** plugin for visual display
- Autumn 2011 – NECTAR feed to staff profiles
- 2012 - implement 'IRStats' software for statistics
- December 2012 – Nick appointed :)
- 2013 – harvesting by **EThOS** (British Library thesis service) starts
- December 2013 – first **quarterly report**
- 2014 – implement 'Shelves' plugin
- June 2014 – JISC funded 'Open to open access' project starts

NECTAR records

- In NECTAR:
 - Articles
 - Images
 - Videos
 - Combinations
- In Google Scholar
- In EThOS
- And elsewhere...

NECTAR profiles

- On NECTAR
- On the university website (for staff)
- And anywhere else, via RSS and exports

Creating a NECTAR record

Planning ahead

- Keep your versions
- Check funder requirements
- Use RoMEO

Is your item NECTAR-ready?

- 2007 or later
- In the public domain
- Research output
- University output

Make the most of metadata

- Be comprehensive!
- DOI
 - e.g. [10.1371/journal.pone.0025891](https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0025891)
 - Also useful for importing items
- Abstract
- Include relevant departments and groups
- Links, links, links!
- Keywords

Adding the full text

- Use the right version
- Use RoMEO
- Embargos are supported
- Creative Commons licences

After you deposit

- School administrators
- Metadata team
- Going live (email notification)
- Checking and coversheets for full texts

Promote your work

- Use NECTAR URLs
 - e.g. <http://nectar.northampton.ac.uk/5589/>
 - URLs are persistent and open
- Link to your [publications list](#)
- Use RSS feeds and exports
- Ask the NECTAR team for stats
- Keep adding!

Links

- [NECTAR homepage / FAQs / help](#)
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Thanks!

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