



A vision for the Library, Press, Open research and Archives

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Introduction

The ANU Library, Archives, Open research and Press provide services to fulfil the need for the university to be an effective part of the scholarly communication system.

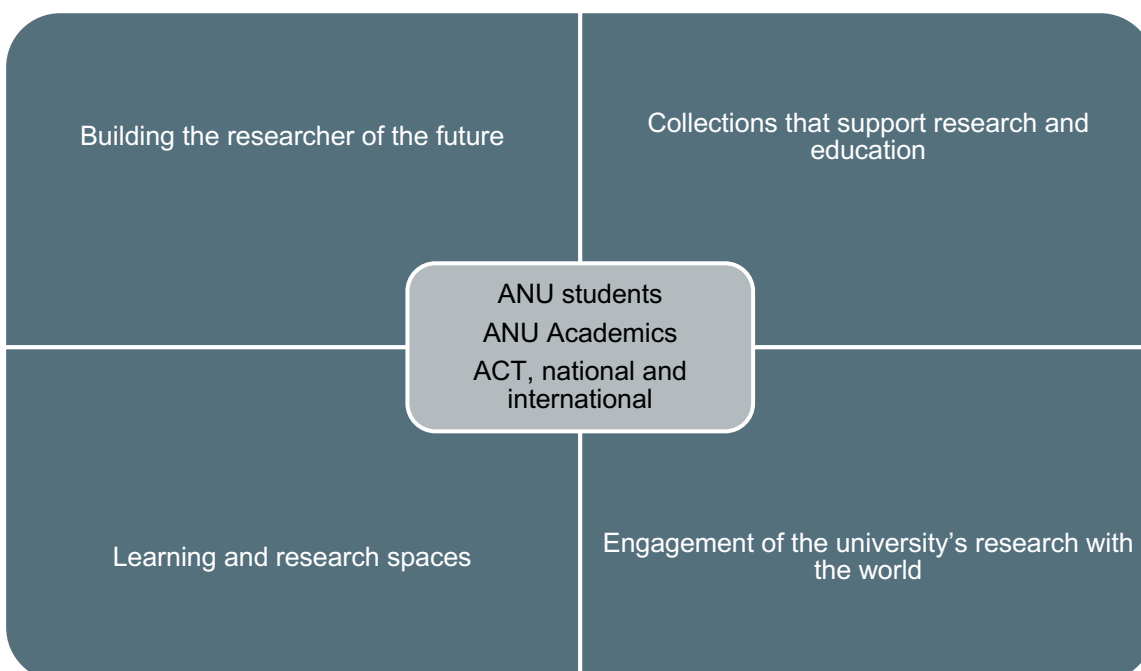
Our contribution to the excellence of the university can be seen in a commitment to:

- Enhancing research through providing collections as infrastructure including particular collections of national and international significance
- Contributing to excellence of our undergraduate and graduate education through collections and services
- Contribution to societal transformation and public policy-making through communication of ANU research and building research communication capabilities and impact.



Our framework

The framework for Scholarly Information Services at the University is established around a vision of our clients and their needs in a complex university environment.



Our key priority areas

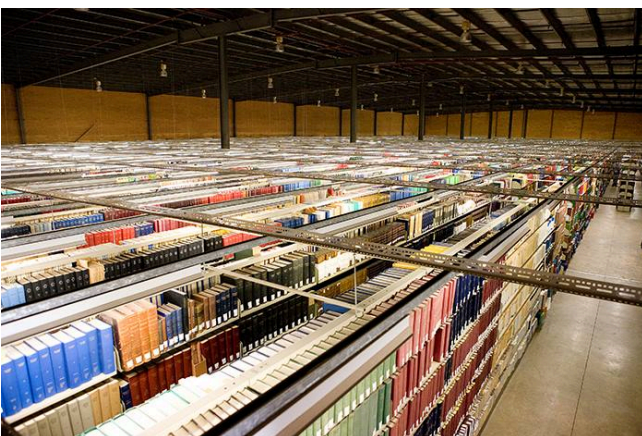
Building the researcher of the future



Our students and early career academics face many challenges navigating the sea of scholarly information. ANU students and staff require capabilities to deal with the complexities of scholarly communication to support their research and future careers. The programs and initiatives of the Division focused on capabilities to support the researcher in the digital world include:

- Researcher identities including ORCID
- Building digital and information literacy skills including publishing capabilities
- Services that support research data including training and the Data Commons
- Collaboration with other areas in the University to strengthen research communication and skills
- International contributions including with ANU Research centres to improve higher education, particularly in the Asia Pacific region.

Transforming the University's internationally significant collections



Our collections have grown over more than 70 years through collaboration with the academic community to create an infrastructure that is vital for research and study. The collections include the original work of ANU scholars, including the thesis collection, as well as original and published resources from around the world. Over 22 kilometres of archival collections encompass resources of international and national significance

recognised through listing on the Australian UNESCO Memory of the World Register and attract international scholars to study using the collection. The print collection of close to 40 kilometres includes works from the fourteenth century, with special strengths in Asia and the Pacific and increasingly in moving towards a digital access paradigm.

Our scholars need to use collection resources in new and different ways –transforming collection access through digital scholarship services such as data and text mining are innovations that are essential for excellence in research and education.

Areas of activity include:

- Innovative collection building programs to provide collections of significance
- Digitisation programs to enable collections as far as possible to be accessible to the world demonstrating the University’s strengths and supporting international collaboration
- Collaborative approaches to digitisation with digital humanities scholars from around the world and other institutions
- Innovative programs to support new uses of the collection including data and text mining
- Exhibitions both online and in the libraries to highlight collections and collaborations
- Collaboration with academics to marshal international resources such as open educational resources to support innovation in education.

Engagement of the university’s research internationally



ANU academics and students conduct world class research in an extraordinary range of disciplines. Our support to assist the reach of the research include the ANU Press, Open Research Repository and Data Commons. These services, together with capability building in scholarly communication and digitisation of the University’s research are contributing towards access to and impact and engagement of ANU’s research to the academic community, society and public policy makers across the globe.

Key areas of activities include:

- The transformation of ANU Press to an international world class publisher
- Developing the Open Research repository to increase the visibility and readership for ANU research outputs
- Developing the ANU Data Commons to support greater open access to ANU research data sets
- Participation in international collaborative activities that will innovatively increase the impact and engagement with ANU research outputs
- Contributing to good practice in data governance, privacy and copyright
- Developing collaborations with partners such as the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies and National Library of Australia on initiatives that enable greater access to our research outputs.

Learning and research spaces to support a high quality university experience



ANU academics and students increasingly require access to spaces for research and study in the library. The importance of library spaces is demonstrated through surveys of clients and the increasing use of our spaces. Space needs to keep pace with increasingly complex needs of services to support use of digital services to enhance research, enable the collections to be opened up to the Canberra community and to support increased engagement with the university while providing safe spaces.

Key initiatives in this area include:

- Increasing 24 x 7 access for spaces and services (such as LibGuides and other online support and open access publications)
- Providing spaces that support digital scholarship and services to support the transformative use of the collections
- Developing research spaces to support higher degree by research students
- Developing a vision for a new library and collection storage with a high level of input from students and academics.

Enablers

Vital to ensuring that the vision is achieved is the need for development of staff knowledge, skills and abilities to support these new services and technologies. The biennial Workforce plan and technology plan are key to achieving these goals.

