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In 2002 British authorities established the database (SHERPA/ROMEO) that gives an overview of publishers' self-archiving policies.

Over 90 % of the publishers accept that preprint - and/or postprint versions of articles are published.

How to publish in BORA?

Research articles

Examine the SHERPA/ROMEO-database to find out if the publisher accepts self-archiving in institutional repositories.

- If yes, contact your institutions contact person and she will assist you.
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PhD-theses

PhD-theses have traditionally been difficult to locate. By publishing PhD-theses online the availability of this type of publication increases significantly.

Student work

For the time being it is only possible to make available Master theses in BORA.

Other document types

Documents such as reports, working papers, monographs, preprints or material that is out of print may also be appropriate to include in BORA.

Collaboration

In addition to the collaboration between the BORA institutions, BORA is also a part of the national NORA-project. This is an ABM supported project that is a part of the Norwegian digital libraries. NORA is concerned with the development of a joint Norwegian search engine for research publications, Norwegian Open Research Archives (NORA).

The Norwegian institutional repositories also collaborate with FRIDA and Forskdok. These are systems for the documentation of research activity in Norway, and the aim of the collaboration is to facilitate that authors while reporting their research also can choose to deliver full-text to the author's local institutional repositories.

More information:

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<http://www.ub.uib.no/BORA/storbora>

Links to various BORA repositories:

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[BORA-NHH – bora@nhh.no](mailto:bora@nhh.no)

[BORA-HiB – bora@hib.no](mailto:bora@hib.no)

[BORA-CMI – bora@cmi.no](mailto:bora@cmi.no)

Other databases:

Norwegian Open Research Archives (NORA)
<http://www.ub.uio.no/nora/>

Bielefeld Academic Search Engine (BASE)
<http://www.base-search.net>

SHERPA/ROMEO:
<http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo.php>

Open Access resources:

SPARC Europe: <http://www.sparceurope.org/>

Wikipedia:
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