Destination Open Access: Getting Researchers On Board


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Queen’s Facts
- Queen’s University Belfast (QUB) established in 1849
- 20 schools & 1,629 researchers
- Joint 8th for research intensity in 2014 Research Excellence Framework (REF)
- 3 main research funders – HEFCE, COAF and RCUK
- QUB Research Portal contains > 3,000 Open Access (OA) papers
- £138,039 expenditure on APCs in 2015

OA Timeline

Overall Impact
Average number of documents uploaded per month:
- 2014 – 56
- 2015 – 86
- 2016 – 107

Summary
This Advocacy Strategy focuses on working with researchers to fulfil the Open Access requirements of their funders and establish an OA culture within QUB. Statistics indicate that researchers are increasingly engaging with OA training, communications and outreach events and are uploading papers to the Research Portal in greater numbers. Although the team’s role is crucial, researchers and schools must be the main drivers of getting us to our desired destination of maximum OPEN ACCESS!