

# Why should you publish your work in Digital Commons @ George Fox University?

## What are some of the advantages to publishing your work in Digital Commons @ George Fox University?

- Increased visibility for your scholarship and creative works
- Preservation and access to content through a permanent URL
- Promotion of open-access principles
- Scholarly communication depends on access to research
- Sharing your work encourages others to share
- Providing direct access to articles and other content for users around the globe improves opportunities for knowledge exchange
- Monthly download reports to monitor usage and citations to your work
- Ability for students to link to their work in applications for graduate school or jobs
- Advancement of George Fox's academic reputation

## What about plagiarism?

- Every entry in the repository has a link to the Terms of Use
- Users are reminded the content they are viewing belongs to someone else
- Users can clearly see how they are allowed to use that content
- Depositing content into a repository and having to consider terms of use promotes conversations about author rights and understanding of copyright
- It's harder for individuals to get away with plagiarizing open-access content because plagiarism-checking search engines will crawl and index your work

## What are my options?

- Open Access:
  - Full text, abstracts, and associated descriptive information about your work are available to anyone in the world with an Internet connection
- Limited Access:
  - Full text is embargoed (for up to 2 years), after which time access becomes open. Embargos can be useful if you are planning to publish your work in a journal
  - Abstracts and associated descriptive information about your work remain fully discoverable



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