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The self-deposit process requires the completion of a simple online deposit form.

**Accessing USIR**

- To access USIR, go to [http://usir.salford.ac.uk](http://usir.salford.ac.uk)
- Click on 'Login'. This is located within the menu on the left-hand side of the screen.
- Log into the site using your network username and password.
- Click on Manage Deposits (again on the left-hand menu).
There are a series of steps to complete before material can be submitted. Authors are advised to complete each stage as fully and precisely as possible, but do not worry if some fields are left blank. Mandatory fields are marked with *.

**Type of Deposit**
Specify whether the item you are depositing has been accepted for publication, is already published or falls into another category.
- Click in the radio button for the appropriate option.
- Click on Next.

**Item type**
Specify which type of material you are depositing from the list of options. A definition of each type is provided.
- Click in the radio button for the appropriate option.
- Click on Next.

**Details**
It is important to complete this section as fully as possible. The more information is made available, the easier it will be to search and retrieve your research.
- If you are unsure about a particular field, click on the icon for access help/further information.
- When completing the author field, details of Salford staff members will autofill as you begin to type the name – please make sure that the ‘email alias’ (the username) is completed, as this identifies and links the publications of staff members.
- Complete the fields, ensuring all mandatory information is included.
- Click on Next.

**Funders**
If you selected ‘yes’ to the funders question within the Details screen, you will be asked for further information about your funding.
- Complete the fields.
- Click on Next.
Divisions
This stage requires you to specify the division(s) of the University of Salford with which your research is associated.

- Click on the plus icon to drill down through the lists.
- Select the lowest level of division (i.e. if you select a research centre, it is not necessary to also select the school and college within which the centre sits)
- Once you have made your selection, click on Next.

Uploading material
To upload

- Click on Browse and use the Choose File window to navigate to the required document.
- Double click on the document (or single click and then click Open).
- Click on Upload.

Once you have uploaded the document, you can:

- Add a description of the document
- Specify who the document is visible to
- Specify the license type and whether there is an embargo or expiry date.

Note: If you are unsure about the restrictions or embargoes that need to be applied, the USIR staff will check & add these if required.

Confirmation of the upload should be displayed at the bottom of the screen, including details of the document size. There is a further option to add additional files to the document, if required.

- Once you have added any additional information, click on Next.

Depositing Material
The next screen displays the terms of the deposit agreement.

- Read through the agreement and click on Deposit item now.

You have now deposited your research and completed the process.

What happens next?
Once you have deposited material, it will not be visible to those searching the repository until it has been checked by the USIR team. The metadata and copyright of all new deposits are checked before they are made live.

For further help and support, contact the USIR team:
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