Irish Research eLibrary

IReL Fact Sheet

IReL is the Irish Research eLibrary: a government funded electronic research library.

IReL's Collection

IReL provides access to online resources in Science, Technology and Medicine, and Humanities and Social Sciences. Resources are selected for inclusion following consultation with researchers and academic staff at participating institutions. IReL consists of a wide variety of resource types:

- E-journals: 50 collections and 4 single title subscriptions, giving users access to approximately 25,000 full-text journals
- 26 databases
- 16 e-books / reference collections

Funding

Funding for IReL has come from the HEA (Higher Education Authority), SFI (Science Foundation Ireland), DJEI (Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation) and the IUA (Irish Universities Association).

Accessing Resources

Staff and students of the seven participating universities have access to all IReL resources. Staff and students at RCSI and the Institutes of Technology have access to selected resources.

Access to resources is managed by each institution's library and they can be accessed by staff and students via their library's website.

IReL testimonials

"The IReL service has been a key element in transforming the landscape for scientific research in Ireland. In terms of value for money it is hard to think of a better investment" Prof. Ray O'Neill, Vice President for Research, NUI Maynooth

"The availability of this reference tool is vital for our research, for writing reviews and papers and for the development of concepts for new research initiatives" Prof. Richard O'Kennedy, Dublin City University

"This is absolutely essential. Without it we will be severely affected and research will suffer tremendously. I can't emphasise enough how important it is that this be continued even if it were to be at the expense of other things." Prof. Luke O'Neill, TCD (Biochemistry and Immunology)

"IReL has transformed research support in Ireland. It provides access to primary and secondary source material that is now indispensable to research. It is essential the service be maintained as a vital component of our national research infrastructure." Prof. Alan Titley, UCC (Modern Irish)

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