



Although each ORU and department has their own place to deposit papers, complete with logo, link to their own web site home page, etc., they are also part of the encompassing eScholarship Repository, which carries with it several key benefits for users wishing to discover your papers:

- The user need only search one central location to find papers from hundreds of UC ORUs, centers, and departments
- Google remains an option, since Google indexes information about the papers as well
- By being part of the eScholarship Repository, you automatically become part of an international effort to make this type of literature more easily discoverable - the Open Archives Initiative

The Open Archives Initiative has established an open method for service providers to “crawl” the descriptive information about academic papers and index it in one central location. Therefore, users can also discover your papers by searching a number of emerging paper search services on the web.

For example, OAIster ([www.oaister.org/](http://www.oaister.org/)) is an initiative at the University of Michigan, and has been called the “Academic Google.” It has about one million records for academic and cultural resources.

It uses the Open Archives Initiative Harvesting Protocol to vacuum up from the web descriptive information about cultural objects such as academic working papers. Users can search descriptions of the items in this collection, including eScholarship Repository papers.

Emphasize that this comes along for free with their participation in the repository -- neither they nor us need to do anything beyond what we’ve already done to make the papers show up in services such as this. And because OAI is technically sophisticated, this is not something that any group would already be doing on its own.