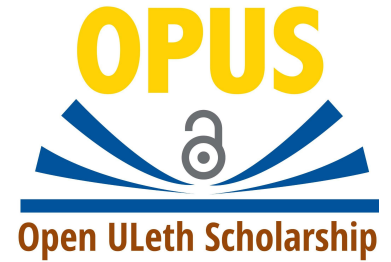


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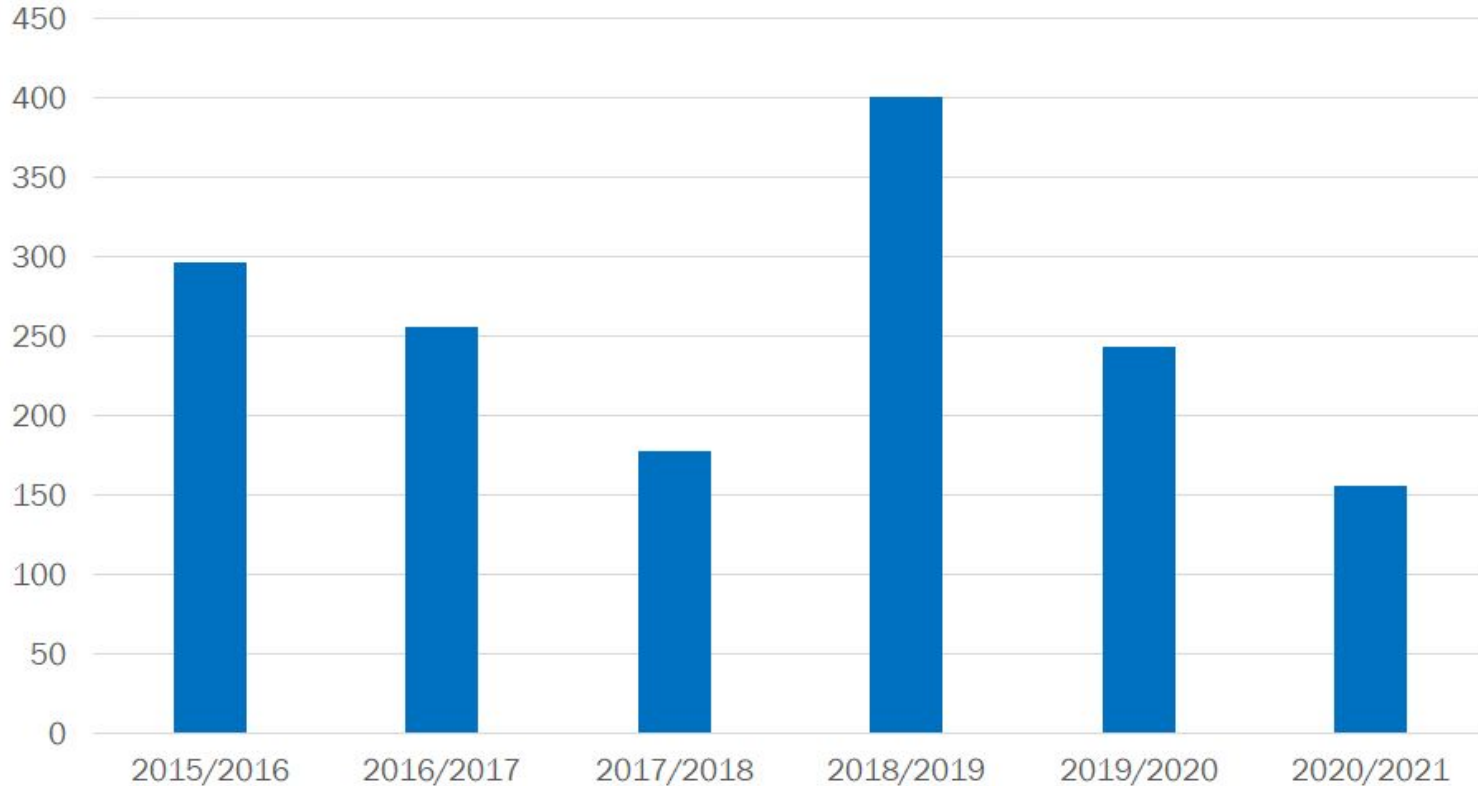
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- To facilitate systematic depositing of copyright-compliant versions of scholarly articles authored by U of L faculty, grad students and post-docs in [OPUS](#), the U of L research repository.
- Help faculty retain some copyrights that are normally signed over to journal publishers, via blanket non-exclusive permission granted to the U of L to archive articles in OPUS, which gives them control over posting a version of your work online (i.e., an OA version)
- Protect academic freedom by granting a waiver on request, no questions asked, if authors publish in a journal whose policies do not permit local archiving of any version of the peer-reviewed article

Items archived in OPUS, 2015-2021



*Note that Spring 2021 has not yet been tabulated; projection based on Fall 2020 x 2



Hindsight is 20/20?

What seemed to work?

- Direct interaction with departments
- A simple or straightforward deposit process

What is slowing us down?

- Lack of staff?
- No teeth in policy?
- Lack of flow in researcher's publishing process
- Lack of interest?

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