

**What's In It for You?**  
**Why You Would Benefit by Using the USFSP Digital Archive**



*Preserves your intellectual legacy*

- You can collect in one place all results of your research, whether it be a conference presentation, working paper, peer-reviewed article, class lecture, book review, data set, or other type of work.
- Provides a unique, automatic, and persistent URL for each work that can be cited and linked to forever.
- Items are date and time-stamped, marking them as having been created by you at that time.
- You retain copyright unless you have signed or given it away to a third party.
- Items can be open or restricted access and can be embargoed for a period of time while you pursue patents or formal publication.
- You can select a Creative Commons License to let the world know how your work may be used or cited.
- Journal or conference citations can be added to link to formal publications or to versions that have been previously made available through other venues.

*Increases exposure of your work*

- Submissions are indexed and available immediately after approval by the collection's reviewer (usually you)
- Full-text indexing is done nightly so that all materials are fully searchable by any word or phrase that occurs in an item.
- Google trolls the archive and adds links so that your work can be found through Google searches.
- Statistics on usage of individual items are automatically updated daily.
- Items can appear in more than one spot, such as a personal collection and a departmental collection.

*Increases your chances of getting grant funding for future research*

- NIH, NSF, NEH and other funding agencies are requiring or considering requirements that research results and/or data sets be preserved or deposited in archives such as USFSP's Digital Archive.

*You're in control*

- You decide what to archive.
- You decide whether your work is open to the world or restricted to a select few.
- You can select your own keywords or terms to describe your work.
- You can put materials in without any third-party involvement.

*Saves you time and money*

- Every item is archived and preserved at no cost to you or to your home departments.
- You can stop storing documents and files on flash drives, networked drives, or on personal or institutional web space. You will always know where to find your work.
- You can access your work anywhere there is an Internet connection:  
<http://dspace.nelson.usf.edu/xmlui>