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Casting a Wider Net: Student Research in the IR

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Introduction
Student research is an untapped commodity. A survey of 238 Institutional Repositories in 2013 indicated that only 38% collect student research other than theses and dissertations. We think student research is a potential goldmine. Do other librarians agree? What about stakeholders outside of the library? And, what are the obstacles preventing more robust collection of student research?

Methods
A survey was developed for Undergraduate Research Program Directors (URPD) and distributed via the Council of Undergraduate Research (CUR) URPD list-serv. Of the 566 members subscribed to the list, responses were received from 65.

A second survey was developed for Institutional Repository Librarians (IRL). The survey link was emailed directly to 272 individuals in this, or a similar, position in academic libraries. A total of 77 responses were received.

Future Work
Surveying faculty and undergraduate students, both scheduled for distribution at USU in Fall 2015
Further engaging subject librarians in this process
Developing best practices
Researching additional stakeholder views of student research