

# **ETD Programs as Building Blocks for Institutional Repositories:**

## **Laying the Foundation one Graduate Student at a Time**

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# History of ETD and Digital Library Programs

## GaTech

- 9/02 ETD Task Force formed
- 1/03 Start Dig. Init. Program
- 6/03 In-house Pilot Program
- 9/03 Voluntary Pilot Program
- 6/04 Required ETD Submission

## FSU

- 5/02 Formed ETD Working Groups
- 9/02 Alpha Pilot Program
- 1/03 Beta Pilot Program
- 3/03 Start Digital Library Program
- 9/03 Required ETD Submission

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## FSU

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- 5/03 Launch Institutional Repository (DScholarship.org)
- 9/03 Required ETD Submission

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# Planning

- **Communication**
  - Interaction
- **Personnel**
  - Developing Expertise/Cross Functionality
  - Hiring Expertise
- **Interoperability**
  - Metadata Standards
  - System Interoperability/Migration



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# New Publishing Lifecycle

- Today's Graduate Students are Tomorrow's Faculty Members (esp. at GaTech where they are frequently hired as researchers)
- Inclusion of ETDs, Honors Theses, and Undergraduate Research in IR Programs
- Showcase IRs as a valid publishing outlet for ideas that may be beyond current peer-reviewed outlets