



University of Bath Archives & Research Collections: Statement of Principles

The Library aims to build, maintain and make accessible unique and distinctive collections in support of institutional research and teaching activities, and to preserve a lasting historical record of the University.

The archives and research collections comprise published and unpublished materials that do not share the attributes generally ascribed to the Library's broader, loanable holdings. They may be further distinguished by characteristics of rarity, comprehensiveness, local, national or international significance and the special conditions associated with their use.

As well as the archives of the institution itself, the Library holds archival material and published works donated by individuals and organisations with a particular interest in or connection to the University. Under the supervision of the University Librarian, an active approach to the acquisition of new collections, through donation or deposit, will be adopted wherever possible and where it is considered to be in keeping with the criteria set out below.

Books, journals and archival material, in all formats, fulfilling at least one of the following criteria may be considered as appropriate additions to the Archives & Research Collections.

- Collections of rare or specialised publications and/or archives that are strongly relevant to the University's research or teaching activities.
- Rare or specialised publications and archives that supplement or enhance existing Archives & Research Collections.
- The collections of individuals, groups or organisations external to the University whose role, functions or business relate directly to one or more of the University's research or teaching interests.
- The collections of members of University staff whose research is of international, national or regional importance or whose teaching has had a major impact beyond the University.
- The collections of members of staff whose service began in the early days of the University, or exceeds 15 years, where these document the development of the University over time.
- The collections of alumni and honorary graduates of international, national or regional prominence where these reflect the teaching or research interests of the University.