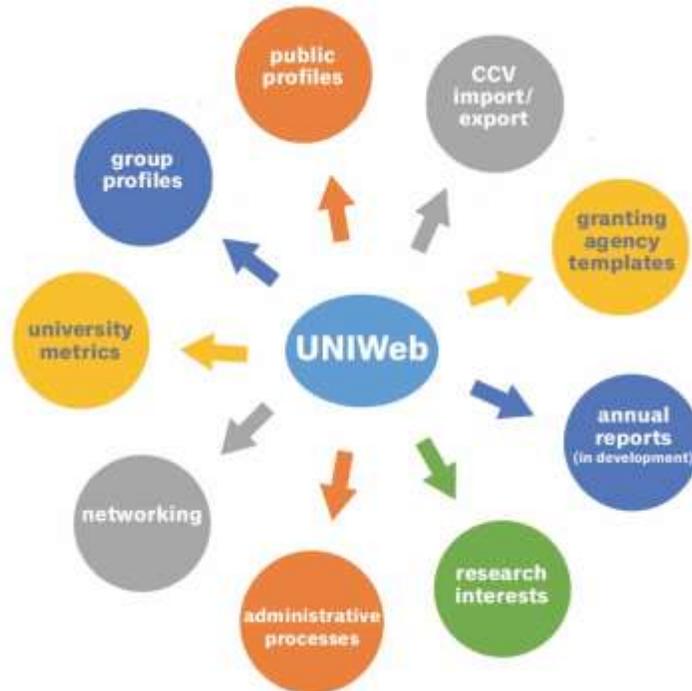


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UNIWeb: A Current Research Information System comes to Dalhousie



In the winter of 2019, Dalhousie University became subscribers to [UNIWeb](#), a Current Research Information System (CRIS), providing faculty and students with a web-based researcher networking and information management tool. A number of other Canadian universities, including McGill; Ottawa; Queen's; and Lethbridge, have also subscribed to this Canadian product that features close integration with the Canadian Common CV (CCCV).

“Dalhousie selected UNIWeb based on superior functionality, better integration with the Canadian Common CV (CCV), secure data storage in Canada, unlimited web-based training, and positive Canadian client references,” said University Librarian Donna Bourne-Tyson, who led a university-wide selection process with members of Deans’ Council, DRAC and others. “Prior to this university-wide procurement, UNIWeb had been in use for two years in the Faculties of Health and Computer Science.”

UNIWeb is like a fusion between a CV and a social networking site. The tool allows faculty and graduate students to create web-based profiles, with full control regarding which fields display on the open web and which fields remain private. It can record a full range of academic activity, making it easier to manage CVs, annual reports, promotion packages and funding applications. It can also share information about research activity and connect colleagues and collaborators on topics of interest across Dalhousie and beyond.

For researchers who require an up to date Canadian Common CV (CCCV) the direct integration with this system is a significant time saver.

“The advantage of a system like UNIWeb is that content, once collected, can be repurposed to populate and produce a range of outputs” says Ann Barrett, Associate Librarian, Scholarly Communications and Head of the W.K. Kellogg Health Sciences Library at Dalhousie.

Since the launch of UNIWeb, customized annual reports have been developed for Computer Science and the Faculty of Arts and Social Science. Three others are in production with the UNIWeb Team, and four more are in the drafting stages. Ultimately, each faculty participating in UNIWeb will have a customized report meeting their requirements.

“Report generation in UNIWeb does require consultation and planning which initially is very time consuming, but in the long run provides benefits,” says Barrett. “The data in UNIWeb can also be mined for analysis at the faculty level (for things like accreditations) and the university wide level. ”

All Dalhousie faculty and graduate students are able to create a UNIWeb account by signing up at <https://uniweb.dal.ca/>.

UNIWeb guides and additional information are available at <https://dal.ca.libguides.com/UNIWeb>.

For further inquiries about UNIWeb and scheduling for training, contact Dalhousie Libraries at uniweb.support@dal.ca.

Research Support Fund

At Dalhousie, the Research Support Fund (RSF) and Incremental Project Grant (IPG), which is a new stream of the RSF announced by the federal government in Budget 2018, support, among other things, information management tools such as UNIWeb at Dalhousie. Established in 2003, the RSF (formerly the Indirect Costs Program) helps Canadian universities and colleges, along with their affiliated health research institutes and research hospitals, with the indirect costs associated with federally-funded research.

In 2019-20, the RSF/IPG is providing \$9,335,818 to support the indirect costs of research at Dalhousie and affiliate hospitals.