



# Assisting academics in understanding resource use

## Use case

Libraries can support academic departments in understanding the use of their resources and in planning and budgeting for future resource allocation. E-resource usage data can provide valuable information for academic departments in this process. It is not uncommon however for libraries to face challenges in providing such data to academic departments in a format they can use. Without accurate and readily available usage information it is a challenge for libraries to provide useful data to academic departments to assist them in the decision making process.

### How can JUSP help?

Increasingly JUSP libraries are discovering that it is easier to provide robust usage data to academic departments at the time that it is needed and to work with departments in understanding the use of their resources. Combining JUSP usage data with other sources of information such as cost data and qualitative data about the value of resources can help build a fuller picture of departmental resource use. JUSP data can help libraries provide support for academic departments. The data it provides can be an important component in ensuring that transparent evidence based decisions are made.

### What do JUSP institutions say?

“Allows us to draw a lot more information more easily than in the past. Now we can take it to the faculty in plenty of time to make decisions.”

**Open University**

“Now also include usage statistics in annual renewal lists that departments use.....Colleges within the university are interested in more data about their journals.”

**Leicester University**

“Having this information, both the qualitative and the quantitative, allows us to make those decisions and react to what the university is doing around us and to the changing complex environment we have got.”

**University of Salford**



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