Abbreviations

ADSL Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line
ANC African National Congress (South Africa)
APC article processing charge
CASR Centre for Applied Social Research (UoM)
CBBR Centre for Biomedical and Biomaterials Research (UoM)
CC content coordinator
CC-BY-SA Creative Commons (license) – Attribution and Share Alike
CCRC Consultancy and Contract Research Centre (UoM)
CERN European Organisation for Nuclear Research
CET Centre for Educational Technology (UCT)
CHAT Cultural Historical Activity Theory
CHED Centre for Higher Education Development (UCT)
CHET Centre for Higher Education Transformation (South Africa)
CMS content management system
Comm Faculty of Commerce (UCT)
CRIS current research information system
CV curriculum vitae
DANIDA Danish International Development Agency
DHET Department of Higher Education and Training (South Africa)
DLIS Department of Library and Information Studies (UB)
DOI digital object identifier
DRPC Departmental Research and Publications Committee (UB)
DVC deputy vice chancellor
EASSy Eastern Africa Submarine cable System
EC European Commission
ERC European Research Council
ETDs electronic theses and dissertations
EU European Union
FHSS Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (UNAM)
FoH Faculty of Humanities (UB)
FoS Faculty of Science (UoM)
FTE full-time equivalent
GDP gross domestic product
GER gross enrolment ratio
HEI higher education institution
HERANA Higher Education Research and Advocacy Network in Africa
HINARI Health InterNetwork Access to Research Initiative
HoD head of department
HOORC Harry Oppenheimer Okavango Research Centre (UB)
HSRC Human Sciences Research Council (South Africa)
HTML hypertext mark-up language
IBSS International Bibliography of the Social Sciences
ICT information and communications technology
IDRC International Development Research Centre (Canada)
ILRC Information and Learning Resource Centre (UNAM)
IMF International Monetary Fund
IP intellectual property
IR institutional repository
ISI Institute for Scientific Information
IT information technology
JISC Joint Information Systems Committee
JPG Joint Photographic Experts Group
JRF junior research fellow
kbps kilobytes per second
LION Lower Indian Ocean Network
LMS learning management system
LTS Linux Terminal Server
MECHR Ministry of Education, Culture and Human Resources (Mauritius)
MESR Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Mauritius)
MICM Ministry of Information and Communication Technology (Mauritius)
MRC Mauritius Research Council
MRC Multi-disciplinary Research Council (UNAM)
MTESRT Ministry of Tertiary Education, Science, Research and Technology (Mauritius)
MUR Mauritian rupees (currency)
N$ Namibian dollar
NCRST National Commission on Research, Science and Technology (Namibia)
NGO non-governmental organisation
NHS National Health Service (UK)
NIH National Institutes of Health (USA)
NIHR National Institute for Health Research (UK)
NRF National Research Foundation (South Africa)
OAI-PMH Open Archives Initiative Protocol for Metadata Harvesting
OA open access
OARE Online Access to Research in the Environment
ODL Open and Distance Learning
OER open educational resource
OJS Open Journal System
OpenDOAR Open Directory of Open Access Repositories
ORD Office of Research and Development (UB)
OSISA Open Society Initiative of Southern Africa
P Botswana pula (currency)
PALM Publishing and Alternative Licensing Model
PAO Profiling Academics Online
PDF portable document format
PERii Programme for the Enhancement of Research Information
PHP Personal (Home Page) Hypertext Processor
PI principal investigation
PLOS Public Library of Science
PMS performance management system (UB)
QA quality assurance
R&D research and development
RA research assistant
RC research coordinator
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<td>Registry of Open Access Repositories</td>
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<td>really simple syndication</td>
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