

**for Students**

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**What types of student works might be included in the Digital Commons?**

* theses and capstone projects
* prize-winning submissions for college awards
* grant-funded research
* course projects
* Hamilton student publications

**What are some examples of student work in Digital Commons repositories?**

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* posters – Colby (<http://digitalcommons.colby.edu/clas/2015/program/462>)

**How are student works selected for inclusion in the Digital Commons?**

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