NOW THAT I HAVE SUBMITTED MY THESIS, WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Once you have completed your Honors Thesis you will sign an author agreement form and return it to the Honors College. The author agreement form indicates that you understand the policies therein and provides you the opportunity to have have your thesis preserved electronically in the MTSU institutional repository called JEWLScholar.

Benefits of submitting your work include:

- Stable URL that you can add to your resume, send to prospective employers or graduate programs
- An opportunity to showcase the outstanding work you’ve done
- Usage statistics which tell you how many times your work is viewed by others
- The potential to reach a worldwide audience
- Show prospective students the type of research opportunities at MTSU

After your thesis has been approved, it is uploaded to JEWLScholar. You will see a confirmation email, similar to the following:

The email lists the title of the thesis, the collection it is in, and a link to its location in JEWLScholar. You can then copy/paste that link into an email and share it with professors or prospective graduate programs or employers who may require a writing sample.

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You submitted: Sample Title of the Paper Goes Here

To collection: Honors College Theses

Your submission has been accepted and archived in DSpace, and it has been assigned the following identifier:
http://jewlscholar.mtsu.edu/handle/mtsu/452

Please use this identifier when citing your submission.

Many thanks!

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NOW THAT MY THESIS IS AVAILABLE IN JEWLSCHOLAR, HOW CAN I USE IT?

The link in the confirmation email takes you to the landing page (homepage) of your student thesis.

**Example:** The link takes you to the URL of the thesis, an example is here.

Click “Show Full Item Record” to see the details, then “Show simple item record” to go back. Click “View/Open” to see the actual thesis pdf. In the bottom right of the page, click on “View Usage Statistics.”

**Example** “Show full item record” of student thesis. Click “Show simple item record” to go back to the normal view (the homepage).
HOW CAN OTHERS ACCESS MY THESIS IF THEY DON’T HAVE THE LINK?

There are multiple ways for your thesis to be discovered, searching within JEWLScholar and through the indexing of search engines like Google of databases like Google Scholar.

1) From the JEWLScholar homepage: http://jewlscholar.mtsu.edu

Example Click “View Usage Statistics,” which is located on the bottom right of the student thesis page.

You can see the number of Views, Total visits per month, number of times the thesis file is actually viewed/opened, and the top views by location.
2) Navigation within JEWLScholar Option 1

To view all theses in a collection, navigate to the appropriate collection. For the Honors College Thesis Collection, this can be done in one of two ways.

From the JEWLScholar homepage, navigate to the Theses and Dissertations collection.

Then select the Honors College Theses collection. Once there, you can browse all submitted theses and search within that collection using the search box in the middle of the page.
3) Navigation within JEWLScholar Option 2

Another way to find the collection from the JEWLScholar homepage is to navigate to the Colleges, Departments, Centers and Institutes Collection.

Then continue navigating to the appropriate collection. Select Colleges & Schools, then University Honors College.
4) Using a search engine

Type in the author’s name and MTSU (or the word “thesis” or the title of the thesis, etc).

As you can see in the example, simply typing in the author name and MTSU yields 7,000+ search results. And the top three results all point to the thesis submission in JEWLScholar.

In this example, the author’s name was edited out. But the depiction of results is accurate.
Similar results happen when searching in the Google Scholar database, available at https://scholar.google.com. The MTSU thesis of the author is usually listed in the top three results in Google Scholar.

WHAT IF I DO NOT WANT MY THESIS AVAILABLE ELECTRONICALLY ANYMORE?

Send an email to your contact at the Honors College and cc [digitalscholar@mtsu.edu] on that email. Request that your thesis be removed and state your reason (for example, because you hope to have all or part of your thesis included in a pending publication or grant proposal). Once your thesis has been removed, you will receive a confirmation email.

WHAT IF I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS LATER?

Consult the JEWLScholar homepage, http://jewlscholar.mtsu.edu, and look at the FAQ, Author Guidelines or More Info links or use the Contact Us link at the bottom of the homepage.

This completes the instructions of how to use your thesis published in JEWLScholar.

Congratulations on your achievement!