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### **RefWorks Users Now Have Lifelong Access**

*Complimentary Alumni Program gives those at subscribing universities  
perpetual access to RefWorks*

**Bethesda, MD, USA (September 30, 2009)** – RefWorks-COS announced today that it has made its Alumni Program a standard feature for the more than 1,200 universities currently subscribing to RefWorks. This means that any current or past student at a RefWorks-subscribing university can continue to use or begin to use the service for as long as that academic institution subscribes.

Researchers at all levels, from undergraduates to post-doctorates, use RefWorks to gather and manage research information. Over the course of undergraduate, graduate, and post-graduate studies, they build significant personal research databases that prove valuable in their future professional and academic endeavors. The Alumni Program allows them to continue to use their personal research databases, store and share all types of information, generate bibliographies, and use all the other beneficial features of RefWorks.

The Alumni Program has been available as an add-on option for several years, and many universities have used it as an added benefit to alumni—to help maintain the healthy alumni relationships that are so essential for donations, rankings and other ongoing involvement.

Since it was launched in 2002, RefWorks has had millions of users, many undergraduate and graduate students who have depended upon RefWorks for four or more years.

“We want the students and researchers that have depended on RefWorks to know that they can continue to count on it, no matter where their careers take them,” notes Colleen Stempien, Executive Director of Operations for RefWorks-COS. “And we want the universities who have subscribed to RefWorks to be able to offer their students and alumni continued access to this valuable research management tool. ”

## **About RefWorks-COS**

RefWorks-COS provides tools and services for every phase of research, from discovering the very latest developments, finding grants, and identifying collaborators and thought leaders, to managing research information, sharing resources, and writing papers, to locating opportunities to present or publish findings.

Committed to support research in virtually any kind of research organization – from academia to corporations, from government agencies to medical facilities, RefWorks-COS provides indispensable tools for researchers at every step of the research process. Learn more about RefWorks-COS services at [www.refworks-cos.com](http://www.refworks-cos.com).

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