


Value of ORCID for Institutions

What is ORCID?

- **ORCID** = Open Researcher & Contributor Identifier
- **ORCID iD** = a free, unique, persistent identifier to distinguish between individuals and serve as a record of [research activities and affiliations](#)
 - Example ORCID iD:  <https://orcid.org/0000-0002-9079-593X>
- **ORCID API** (application programming interface) can be built into local systems to facilitate interoperability and data sharing between systems & workflows that use data about individuals
 - Examples: [Common systems for ORCID API integration](#)
- The **ORCID organization** is a global non-profit supported by a [membership structure](#), with a [governance board](#) elected by member institutions

Who uses ORCID?

- **Research institutions** – see [ORCID US Community members](#) (145+ research institutions in the US alone)
- **Publishers** – [110+ publishers](#) requiring ORCID iD around the globe
- **Funders** – increasingly requesting or requiring ORCID iDs for investigators ([learn more](#))
- **Individuals** – over [9 million](#) people across the globe involved in research, innovation, & scholarly communication in multiple disciplines

Why use ORCID?

ORCID makes it easier for organizations to keep track of sponsored programs, research outputs, and other activities that your researchers are involved in by allowing institutions to:

- **Uniquely identify** individual researchers
- **Streamline** reporting workflows for gathering data about researchers' activities, in order to measure institutional impact and/or assess individual contributions for performance review, promotion, & tenure
- **Confirm affiliations** with researchers to improve accuracy & trust in the research and scholarly communication landscape
- **Stay connected** with researchers even after they leave your institution
- **Save time** and reduce administrative burden by using automated data transfer in research reporting workflows (via the ORCID API)
- **Leverage** interoperability across both internal and external stakeholder systems & workflows

Where to go for more information?

- Visit <https://orcid.org>
- Learn about the ORCID US Community at <http://orcid-us.org>
- To set up a consultation specific to your organization, email orcidus@lyrasis.org