

# About ORCID



ORCID, which stands for Open Researcher and Contributor ID, is a global, not-for-profit organization sustained by fees from [our member organizations](#). We are community-built and governed by a [Board of Directors](#) representative of our membership with wide stakeholder representation. ORCID is supported by a dedicated and knowledgeable [professional staff](#).

## Our Vision

ORCID's vision is a world where all who participate in research, scholarship, and innovation are uniquely identified and connected to their contributions across disciplines, borders, and time.

## Our Mission

In order to realize our vision, ORCID strives to enable transparent and trustworthy connections between researchers, their contributions, and their affiliations by providing a unique, persistent identifier for individuals to use as they engage in research, scholarship, and innovation activities.

We do this by providing three interrelated services:

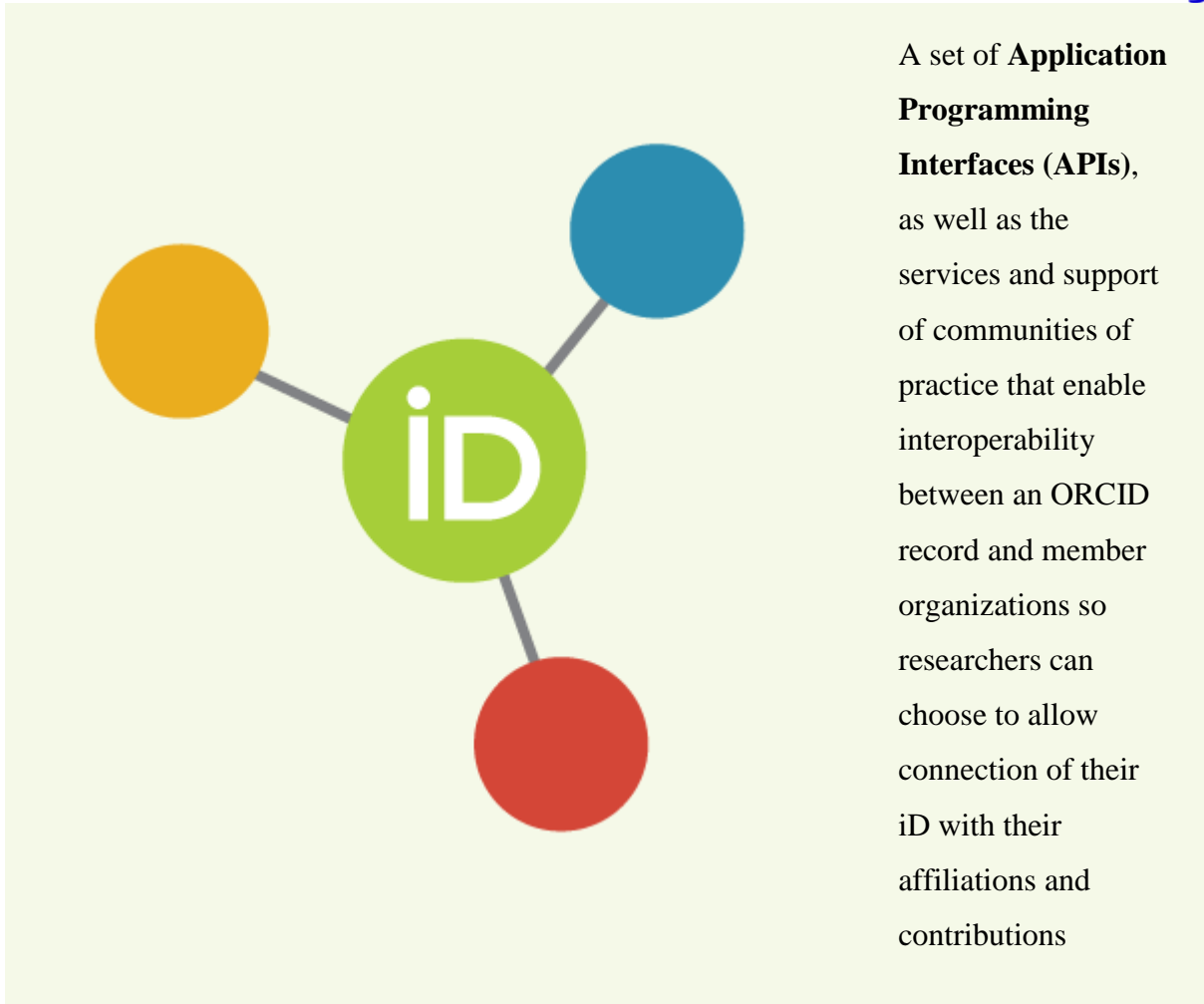


**The ORCID iD:** a unique, persistent identifier free of charge to researchers



An **ORCID record** connected to the ORCID iD, and

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A set of **Application Programming Interfaces (APIs)**, as well as the services and support of communities of practice that enable interoperability between an ORCID record and member organizations so researchers can choose to allow connection of their iD with their affiliations and contributions

## Our Plans

The core of our strategic focus for 2022–2025 is to **build commitment to and engagement with ORCID as an essential element of the research experience**, both for researchers and members. We invite you to review [From Vision to Value: ORCID's 2022–2025 Strategic Plan](#). We hope it inspires our member organizations to engage with us as they plan their own work and activities.



# Our Values

ORCID is an integral part of the wider digital infrastructure needed for researchers to share information on a global scale. We position the researcher at the center of everything we do.

## Open

Our work is **open**, transparent, and non-proprietary. We make decisions collaboratively, involving our staff, Board, those who support our mission, and the researchers and community that are the purpose of our work.

## Trusted

We strive to be a **trusted** component of research infrastructure with the goal of providing clarity in the breadth of research contributions and the people who make them. We are guided by the principles of privacy and researcher control and the vision of identifier-enabled research information infrastructure.

## Inclusive

We take an **inclusive** view. We have a diverse team, deployed internationally in our virtual office. We engage with a wide range of organizations and people to ensure broad viewpoints.

## Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at ORCID

Read more about [ORCID's DEI](#) philosophy, our principles, our DEI activities in our community, and how we embed DEI practices into all aspects of operations.



# Our Founding Principles

1. ORCID will work to support the creation of a permanent, clear, and unambiguous record of research and scholarly communication by enabling reliable attribution of authors and contributors.
2. ORCID will transcend discipline, geographic, national, and institutional boundaries.
3. Participation in ORCID is open to any organization that has an interest in research and scholarly communications.
4. Access to ORCID services will be based on transparent and non-discriminatory terms posted on the ORCID website.
5. Researchers will be able to create, edit, and maintain an ORCID identifier and record free of charge.
6. Researchers will control the defined privacy settings of their own ORCID record data.
7. All data contributed to ORCID by researchers or claimed by them will be available in standard formats for free download (subject to the researchers' own privacy settings) that are updated once a year and released under a CC0 waiver.
8. All software developed by ORCID will be publicly released under an Open Source Software license approved by the Open Source Initiative. For the software it adopts, ORCID will prefer Open Source.
9. ORCID identifiers and record data (subject to privacy settings) will be made available via a combination of no-charge and for-a-fee APIs and services. Any fees will be set to ensure the sustainability of ORCID as a not-for-profit, charitable organization focused on the long-term persistence of the ORCID system.
10. ORCID will be governed by representatives from a broad cross-section of stakeholders, the majority of whom are not-for-profit, and will strive for maximal transparency by publicly posting summaries of all Board meetings and annual financial reports.