An Open Letter to Australian Research Institutions

13 August 2015

The ORCID Working Group[1] would like to consult you about your institution's interest in joining an Australian ORCID consortium membership agreement, along with seeking feedback on the proposed Consortium Model.

ORCID is an international, interdisciplinary, open, not-for-profit organisation. Its core function is to provide a registry of unique, persistent, and resolvable person identifiers together with web services to enable interoperability through integration of identifiers into your research systems and workflows.

To take part in the consultation you are advised to first read our Joint Statement of Principle, the NHMRC and ARC Joint Statement on ORCID and the draft Australian ORCID Consortium Model document.

1. The Joint Statement of Principle - ORCID: Connecting Researchers and Research was launched on 14 April 2015 by representatives of the ORCID working group and it is available here. This paper provides information on the ORCID initiative, its tangible benefits to researchers, institutions and the nation, and current ORCID institutional membership in Australia.
2. The NHMRC and ARC Joint Statement on ORCID issued on 14 April 2015 is available here. This statement provides information on how ORCID is viewed by the research funding agencies.
3. The ORCID Consortium membership and costs is outlined in the draft Australian ORICD Consortium Model document. This document also provides information on the role of the Consortium Host. It is available here.

This consultation will be distributed through multiple channels, however, we would appreciate each institution providing a single response on whether it is interested in joining the Consortium, preferably by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor - Research (DVC-R) or the equivalent Officer. Please provide your response no later than Monday 14 September 2015 to orcidconsortium@aaf.edu.au with the subject heading "institutional response".

We have also set up a web page for the ORCID consultation. It contains links to the Consortium Model and related documents. The web page is available here.

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[1] The ORCID Working Group is comprised of representatives from Universities Australia (UA), the Council of Australian University Librarians (CAUL), the Australasian Research Management Society (ARMS), the Australian National Data Service (ANDS), the Australian Access Federation (AAF), and the Council of Australian University Directors of Information Technology (CAUDIT).

Thank you in advance for your participation. If you have any questions or comments, please contact orcidconsortium@aaf.edu.au with the subject heading, "questions" or "comments".