

Research Link Australia Service Schedule for Data Providers

1 Background

Research Link Australia (**RLA**) is a discovery service operated by ARDC. RLA seeks to bridge the information gap between universities, research organisations, businesses, industry and government. ARDC manages and maintains information (also referred to as data in this context) from data providers and points to the information's source location. This information includes, but is not limited to, profiles of researchers, organisations and/or companies; research activities (e.g. projects and awarded grants), publications, and facilities (e.g. instruments). ARDC also provides a suite of information discovery and access services to make this information widely available and reusable, in order to facilitate research and industry collaboration opportunities.

ARDC works with data providers and data consumers to improve information quality and enable more information about research capability and research collaborative capability to be publicly available. ARDC also works with RLA data consumers to improve the RLA Service.

This Service Schedule applies to data providers that provide information or metadata related to their research activities, including their researcher or organisational profile on research capability, publications, instruments, etc..

Organisations wishing to contribute data to the RLA Service are required to sign the Service Schedule below.

2 User (data provider)

Contact Name: _____

Organisation Name: _____ ACN/ABN: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

3 Service

RLA Portal: an online service for discovering research and research collaboration capabilities of Australian researchers and organisations (from both research and industry sectors), as well as government funded R&D initiatives.

RLA Content Registration: this allows data providers to register and update data via machine or human interfaces. Data providers may choose to publish data related to research capabilities and research collaboration capabilities (e.g. collaborative grants/projects to RLA). ARDC will publish provided data as they are, but may link provided data to other existing RLA data (for example, linking a researcher's record to the researcher's publications, grants, etc.), or include data into insight reporting (for example, if a researcher is from a particular university, the researcher's publications and grants may be linked to that university's capability profile).

RLA APIs: these enable data consumers to systematically query, access, and download RLA data through computer programs.

4 **Term**

This agreement will commence on the date of signature or when the User first accesses the Service, whichever is earlier, and will continue until 30 June 2028 (**Initial Term**). After 30 June 2028, this agreement will be automatically extended for successive 12-month periods (**Extended Term**).

The User may terminate this agreement by providing ARDC with at least 3 months' notice in writing effective at the end of the Initial Term or effective at the end of any Extended Term.

ARDC may terminate this agreement at any time by providing the User with 1 month's notice in writing effective at the end of the notice period.

Without limiting ARDC's other rights, ARDC may terminate this agreement immediately on notice to the User if the User breaches any term of the agreement.

5 **Additional terms**

5.1 **ARDC responsibilities**

ARDC will endeavour to operate the Service and may:

- (a) provide the User with access to the Service;
- (b) publish the User's metadata provided to the Service;
- (c) allow third parties to download, harvest, integrate, re-use and re-publish the metadata;
- (d) provide Service and User documentation via <https://documentation.ardc.edu.au>;
- (e) provide User support.

5.2 **User responsibilities**

The User acknowledges and agrees that in providing ARDC with metadata for use in the Service, the User:

- (a) must read and comply with the [Research Link Australia Minimum Metadata Requirements](#);
- (b) must:
 - (i) take reasonable steps to ensure the quality, accuracy, and currency of the metadata from the time it is provided until the end of the Term; and
 - (ii) promptly notify ARDC of any change to the metadata required to ensure its quality, accuracy and currency in accordance with paragraph (i) and, if requested by ARDC, discuss with ARDC how to resolve any errors;
- (c) must provide accurate and current administrative information required for metadata record harvesting;
- (d) must ensure and warrants that they are authorised to provide ARDC with the metadata and that it does not infringe the intellectual property of anyone else;
- (e) must only provide metadata that is appropriate for public distribution;

- (f) must not provide any metadata that contains any trade secrets, or any confidential, proprietary or sensitive information;
- (g) must ensure they keep the original copies of metadata records in their systems;
- (h) must provide at least one organisational point-of contact to ARDC and notify ARDC of changes to this contact; and
- (i) acknowledges and agrees that:
 - (i) ARDC will use and publish the metadata;
 - (ii) ARDC may allow third parties to download, harvest, integrate re-use and re-publish the metadata; and
 - (iii) ARDC may remove any metadata from the Service at any time in its sole discretion and without notice to the User.

Execution

Signed by an authorised representative on behalf of the User as an agreement on the terms of this Service Schedule and ARDC’s Standard Terms of Service, available on its website at https://ardc.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/ardc_service_agreement_2024.pdf.

Signed by **Australian Research Data Commons Limited:**

Signed by **User (Organisation)**

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Signature of authorised person

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