The world will change.
ORCID's values and principles will not.

ORCID believes that...

- The best way to persist in a rapidly-changing world is by staying true to the values and principles that earned us the trust of our community in the first place.
- Principles are promises, and they are made to be kept — period.

ORCID abides by the same 10 Founding Principles we established in 2010. **We view them as a cast-iron promise to our community** about what they can expect from us, now and into the future.

ORCID is governed by and for our community

- ORCID is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors elected from our membership.
- **The majority of our Board Directors must be from non-profit organizations.**
- We aim to ensure that our Board is balanced by region and community sector.
- We reserve two Board seats for non-member researchers.

ORCID is for researchers and scholars everywhere

- Our vision is a world where all who participate in research, scholarship, and innovation are uniquely identified and connected to their contributions and affiliations across disciplines, borders, and time.
- Researchers will always be able to create, edit, and maintain an ORCID identifier and record free of charge.

ORCID operates internationally, and serves an international community

- We have member organizations in **63 countries — over 75% of which are based outside of the US**.
- **We have staff in 14 countries**, on all continents apart from Antartica, half of which are based in Europe.
- Both the ORCID Public Data File and the Registry Source Code are hosted by independent third parties.
- **The Public Data File has been published annually since 2012, and is hosted by Figshare in Ireland and Germany**.

- **The ORCID Registry source code is open source and hosted by Github and archived by the non-profit [Software Heritage Foundation](#) based in France.**

ORCID data is trusted and trustworthy

- ORCID maintains metadata about the provenance of each item added to an ORCID record.
- ORCID Trust Markers make it easy to visualize which data has been validated by our trusted member organizations.
- Our dispute procedure enables anyone in the community to challenge the accuracy of data which we will follow up and investigate.
- ORCID's services maintain over 99.99% uptime.

ORCID data is at the center of the research information ecosystem

- Nearly 6,000 systems are integrated with our API; yet more that we don't know about are using our anonymous API.
- Systems access data from our APIs between 150M and 200M times each month.

ORCID cares about privacy

- Researchers always own their ORCID record and the data contained within it.
- Researchers always have full control over the visibility of each individual item on their record, as well as which organizations can access it.
- **ORCID extends data subject rights found in the GDPR to everyone** regardless of where they are located. Learn more in our [privacy policy](#).
- ORCID has never and will never sell, license or profit from data in researchers' records.

ORCID is designed to endure in a changing world

- ORCID has been **100% supported by fees from our member organizations since 2019**.
- Our diverse membership comprises funders, policy makers, publishers and vendors, however universities and other research institutions around the world make up 70% of our membership base.
- We have used our surpluses to establish a long-term reserve fund to ensure sustainability — our Board must explicitly approve use of these funds.

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