



ORCID at City University London

What is ORCID?

<http://orcid.org/>

Unique identifying numbers for researchers, similar to DOIs for research outputs, to ensure that publications and grants can be correctly linked to individuals across different databases and funding platforms.

Several funding bodies, for instance the Wellcome Trust, are insisting that researchers use ORCID identifiers when applying for grants, and publishers often ask for them during manuscript submission processes.

ORCID is a non-profit that provides the unique identifiers and also APIs for their open-source data. This allow different systems to use the IDs to link researchers, their work and their grants together accurately and efficiently.

ORCID and City University London

We have signed up to a new JISC Agreement for 3.5 years from July 2015 – December 2018. 2015 fees are covered by JISC, and fees are banded by size of institution afterwards. We are Band 5a and so will pay £2500 pa.

Institutional membership of ORCID means that we can get ORCID identifiers for all researchers and use that identifier in Symplectic Elements and Eprints to create a more robust and accurate record of their research outputs. Both systems we use already have built-in APIs for ORCID identifiers which will make implementation easier.

Researchers with existing ORCID identifiers will simply continue to use their existing identifier.

Next steps:

Implementing ORCID into existing systems. This can take as little time as a week, as we're already using compliant systems, but will take longer as we'll need to consider workflows and some technical issues and create help documentation for our particular set up.



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