



Australian Research Data Commons

Data Retention Project Phase 2 FAQs

See project information at <https://ardc.edu.au/collaborations/strategic-activities/data-retention-project/>

FAQs Register

To ask a question please fill in the online form or email: [Max Wilkinson](#)

Responses to questions will be made within 3 business days of submission.

Question

Answer

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| RDP_FAQ01 | Who is eligible for investment? | This phase of the Data retention Project is open to single (representative) applications from Australian universities and NCRIS capabilities only |
| RDP_FAQ02 | What is the expected investment? | Current Phase 2 allocation is AUD 4400k. This may change up to contract executions at the discretion of the ARDC |
| RDP_FAQ03 | What is the project duration? | All partnerships in the Data Retention Project will complete by 30 June 2023 |
| RDP_FAQ04 | What are the expectations on co-investment? | A 1:1 co-investment is required. Co-investment must be in an auditable form (in accordance with reporting and accountability requirements as specified by the Commonwealth Department of Education) and can be cash (from project partners or other grants), or effort/labour. NOTE: if contributing effort/labour, work on the project must be a significant amount of the person's time, i.e., 25% or more). |
| RDP_FAQ05 | What is the expected outcome? | At project completion all nominated data collections will be registered in DataCite MDR with all 13 metadata elements |
| RDP_FAQ06 | Can a single organization make multiple applications? | No. A single application will considered for each organization and so we encourage applicant leads to represent central services or infrastructure managers |
| RDP_FAQ07 | Can a single organisation administer multiple applications? | Yes, if a university also hosts or administers an NCRIS capability then we will accept applications from the institution and also the NCRIS capability or capabilities. Note that data collections cannot be nominated more than once and organisations that expect to administer multiple applications, or may be in receipt of investments from multiple applicants, should take care to separate responsibilities for any nominated data collections accordingly. |
| RDP_FAQ08 | What is the relationship of the Data Retention Project to other ARDC investments or partnerships? | The Data Retention project concerns the underpinning capacity infrastructure and how that can be best supported and sustained. Other ARDC investments, like the National Data Assets, Institutional Underpinnings, Platforms and Public Sector Bridges programs focus on sector capability, i.e. frameworks to manage data assets, institutional policy on data ownership & sharing, or eResearch driven innovation in research endeavours. The Data Retention Project is specifically concerned with the capacity required to manage data collections and how we can maximise the impact of investment in operational overheads. |
| RDP_FAQ09 | Are independent Research Organisations, Government agencies and eResearch Service providers eligible to apply for this investment | Phase 2 of the Data Retention Project is open to Australian universities and NCRIS capabilities only. Independent Research Organisations, Government agencies and eResearch service providers are not eligible for investment via this project at this time. |
| RDP_FAQ10 | Will the information and data I provide in the EOI and RFP be made public? | No, the content of your submissions will not be made public. However, in line with the ARDC value of transparency we will list successful applicants on our public website. |
| RDP_FAQ11 | Do all metadata need to be complete | Yes, when reporting collections registered into the DataCite MDR, all 13 fields are required. This is the minimum standard for reporting data collections for ARDC collection support. Incomplete records will result in a proportional reduction in investment. There are two opportunities to submit collections for review so those collections found incomplete during the first review can be re-submitted during the second review. |
| RDP_FAQ12 | Are the review dates fixed? | Yes, there are 2 review dates and they are fixed milestones. It is possible to submit collections for review earlier than the review dates, however they will not be processed or funds released until the review cycle has completed. |
| RDP_FAQ13 | Do a need to allocate investment to in house hardware? | No, we offer flexibility in allocation of investment, which can be used for inhouse hardware, third party managed capacity, cloud or RDM resource. |